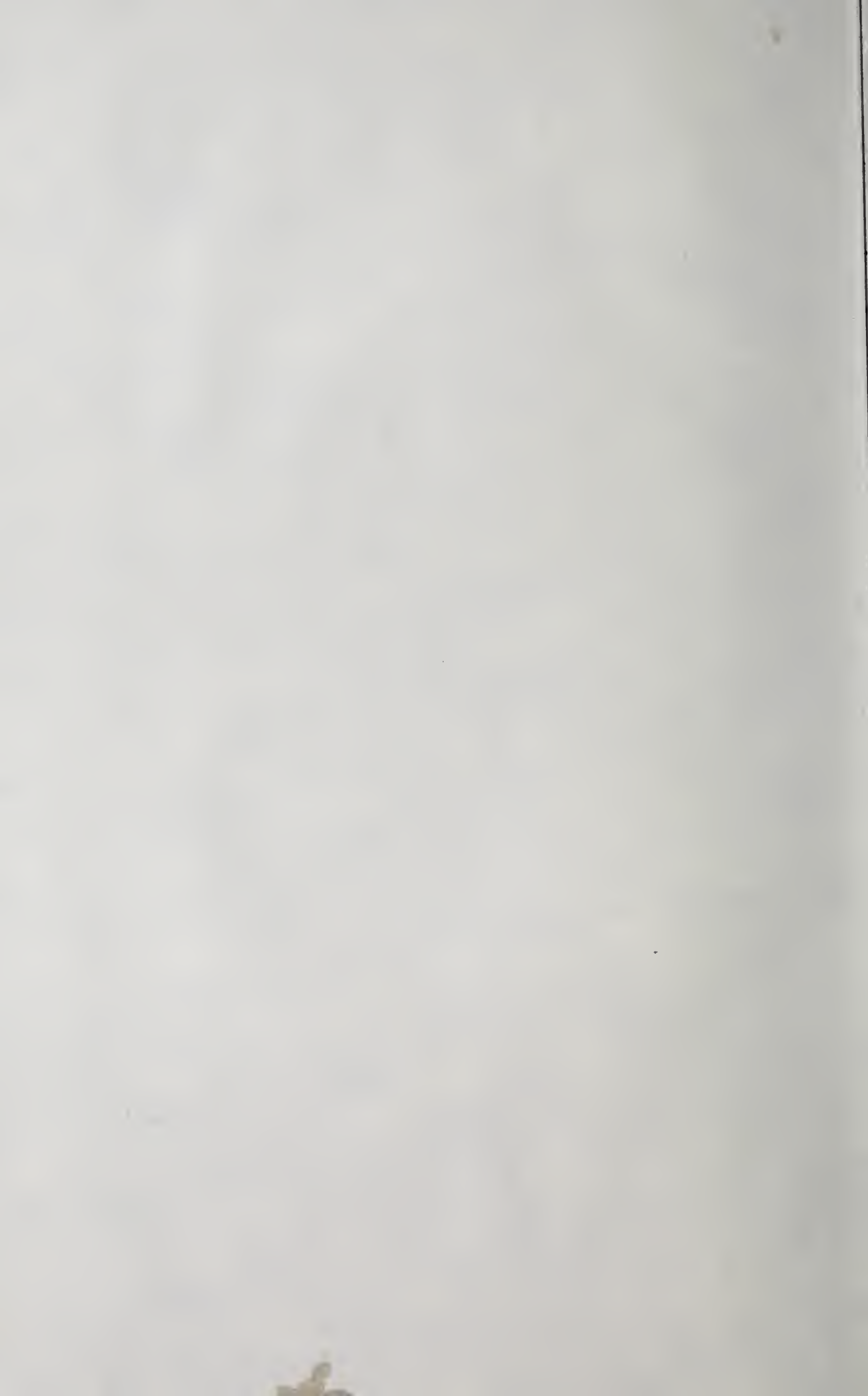




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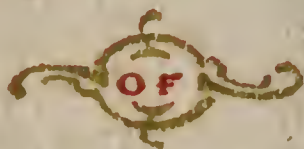




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REV. DAVID INGLIS D.D.
1833-1872



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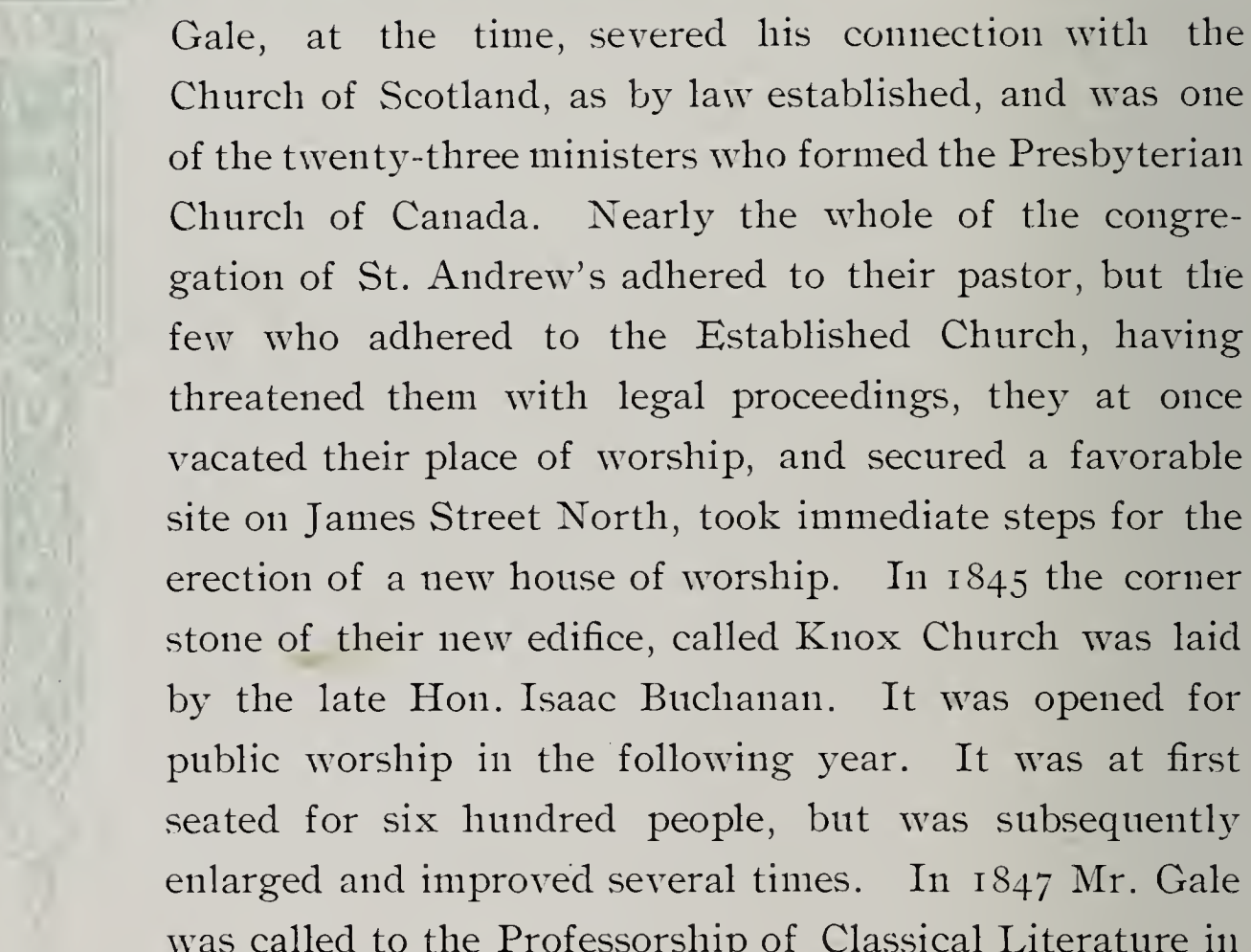
Historical Sketch.

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T a very early period in the history of Hamilton, an American Presbyterian Congregation was organized by a number of Presbyterians from the United States (including the late Dr. Calvin McQuesten, John Fisher and J. P. Dickerman) and, a place of worship erected on John Street North. The first Presbyterian minister settled in the city was the Rev. David Marsh, of the American Presbyterian Church. He demitted his charge in 1835 and was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Firman, who remained Pastor for about three years ; shortly after his return to the United States this organization ceased to exist.

In the autumn of 1833 the Rev. Alexander Gale, M.A., came to Hamilton at the invitation of seven persons, two of whom were Episcopalians. The services were first held in a private room, the small congregation sitting round a table. Towards the close of the same year a congregation was organized, and Mr. Gale was inducted Pastor by the Presbytery of Toronto, in connection with Church of Scotland. In 1835 a small frame Church capable of accommodating about two hundred persons was erected, called St. Andrew's. It was twice enlarged, until it held five hundred. In 1855 the handsome edifice on James Street South, called St. Paul's, was erected on the site of old St. Andrew's.

In consequence of the Free Church Movement in Scotland, the Church in Canada was divided in 1844. Mr.

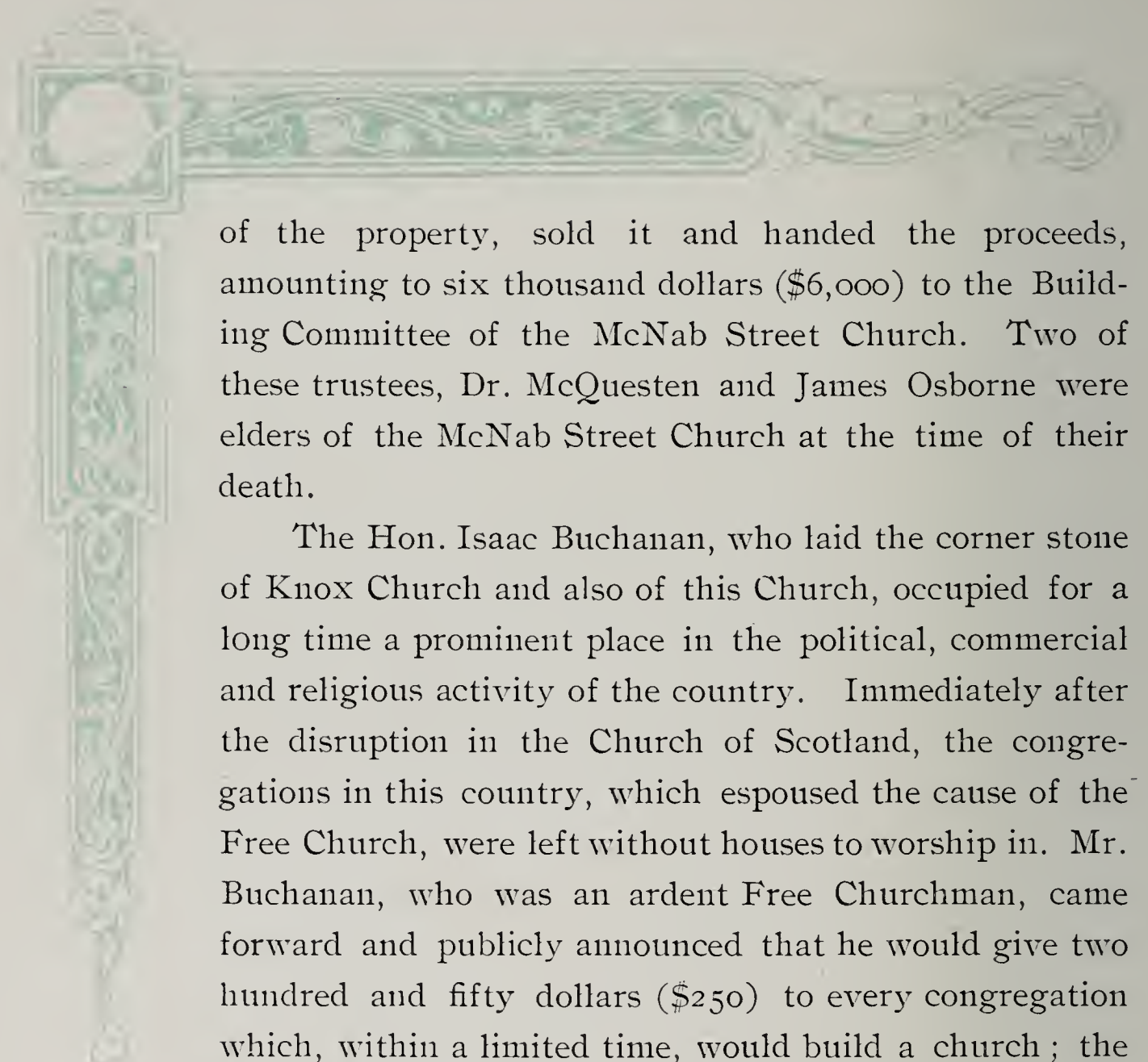


Gale, at the time, severed his connection with the Church of Scotland, as by law established, and was one of the twenty-three ministers who formed the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Nearly the whole of the congregation of St. Andrew's adhered to their pastor, but the few who adhered to the Established Church, having threatened them with legal proceedings, they at once vacated their place of worship, and secured a favorable site on James Street North, took immediate steps for the erection of a new house of worship. In 1845 the corner stone of their new edifice, called Knox Church was laid by the late Hon. Isaac Buchanan. It was opened for public worship in the following year. It was at first seated for six hundred people, but was subsequently enlarged and improved several times. In 1847 Mr. Gale was called to the Professorship of Classical Literature in Knox College, Toronto, and was succeeded in the pastorate of Knox Church by the Rev. Ralph Robb, M.A., an eloquent man, of superior ability, whose sudden death after three years of faithful and successful service was deeply regretted.

The Rev. George Paxton Young was inducted as his successor in November, 1850. Mr. Young labored with great success, until 1853, when he was called to the Professorship of Logic and Moral Philosophy in Knox College, and moved to Toronto.


In May, 1854, the Rev. Robert Irvine, D.D., was inducted pastor of Knox Church. For sometime before Mr. Young's removal, the church was overcrowded and the necessity of church extension was deeply felt. During the vacancy it was agreed at a meeting of the congregation to purchase a site for a new church, but that there should be no division of the

congregation till after the settlement of another minister. Agreeably to this arrangement, soon after the induction of Dr. Irvine, the Presbytery of Hamilton, in compliance with a memorial from Adam Cook, Robert Ewing, and Donald McLellan, elders of the congregation, appointed a committee to open a new preaching station in the south part of the city ; a suitable site was secured on the corner of McNab and Hunter Streets. The congregation was organized on the twenty-ninth day of August, 1854. The first regular service was held in the old Mechanics' Hall, on James Street North. The first communion was dispensed to about forty-six persons by the late Rev. John Scott, D.D., then pastor of St. Andrew's Church, London. The congregation went energetically to work, and towards the close of the same year, a new house of worship capable of accommodating four hundred persons, was opened for their reception, only six weeks having been occupied in its erection. It was soon found necessary to enlarge the church accommodation, and in April, 1856, the corner stone of the present spacious house of worship was laid by the Hon. Isaac Buchanan. It was opened for divine service in June, the following year. The building is massive in its structure, built in the Gothic style of architecture, of the beautiful stone then obtained from the mountain, immediately in the rear of the city. Its dimensions are one hundred and fourteen feet in length, including the tower, by sixty-six feet in breadth, and with galleries will comfortably seat over one thousand persons. An interesting incident occurred in connection with the opening of the church. The American Presbyterian Organization ceased to exist soon after the retirement of Mr. Firman ; Dr. Calvin McQuesten, James Osborne, and J. P. Dickerman, the trustees



of the property, sold it and handed the proceeds, amounting to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to the Building Committee of the McNab Street Church. Two of these trustees, Dr. McQuesten and James Osborne were elders of the McNab Street Church at the time of their death.

The Hon. Isaac Buchanan, who laid the corner stone of Knox Church and also of this Church, occupied for a long time a prominent place in the political, commercial and religious activity of the country. Immediately after the disruption in the Church of Scotland, the congregations in this country, which espoused the cause of the Free Church, were left without houses to worship in. Mr. Buchanan, who was an ardent Free Churchman, came forward and publicly announced that he would give two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) to every congregation which, within a limited time, would build a church ; the only condition being that it should be called after the great Scottish Reformer. This accounts for the large number of churches in Ontario bearing the name of Knox. When Knox College was established in 1845, Mr. Buchanan at once identified himself with it and did much to promote its efficiency and success. The first service of the McNab Street congregation was held in the Mechanics' Hall. Mr. Buchanan, with his family, attended the service, and continued his connection with the congregation to the close of his life. He was thoroughly identified with it and deeply interested in its peace and prosperity. He also took a warm practical interest in the Sabbath School, and to encourage study and regular attendance he gave two prizes yearly to every class. All these and varied other services, which he rendered to the Presbyterian Church, when it was few in numbers, and slender in resources, were of



such value that his name ought to be held in grateful
and lasting remembrance by Presbyterians in Canada.





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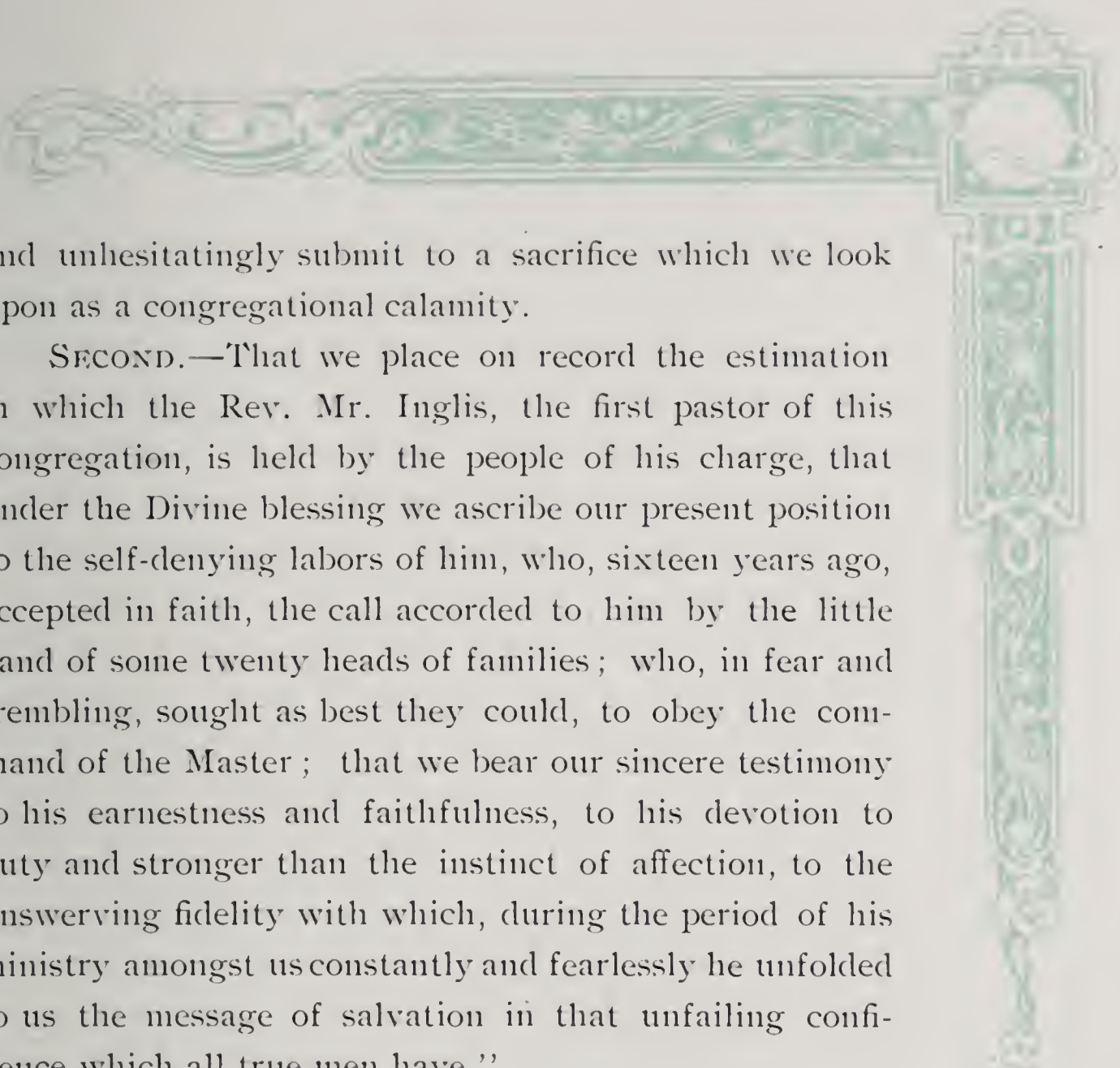
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Rev. David Inglis the First Pastor

THE congregation in 1855 extended an unanimous call to the Rev. David Inglis, D.D., then pastor of St. Gabriel's Church, Montreal, which he accepted, and was inducted as the first pastor of the congregation in May of the same year. The Rev. James Black, now the Father of the Hamilton Presbytery, and a member of the McNab Street Church, preached the Induction Sermon. Dr. Inglis labored with fidelity and success in the pastorate till 1871, when he was appointed by the General Assembly as Professor of Systematic Theology in Knox College. The high place which he secured for himself in the esteem and affection of the congregation by his personal worth and service, is expressed in the following resolution adopted at a meeting of the congregation, presided over by the late Hon. James Turner.

“That, whereas the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church did, at its last meeting, appoint the Rev. David Inglis to the Chair of Systematic Theology in Knox College, and whereas, the Rev. Mr. Inglis has signified his acceptance of the said position, be it therefore resolved,

FIRST.—That while regretting the necessity which compelled the General Assembly to cause the pastoral tie subsisting between this congregation and the Rev. Mr. Inglis to be severed, we do not feel called upon as a congregation to obtrude our personal feelings and wishes in a matter of so much moment, and, therefore, in deference to the call of the church, and the expressed wish of our pastor, we cordially



and unhesitatingly submit to a sacrifice which we look upon as a congregational calamity.

SECOND.—That we place on record the estimation in which the Rev. Mr. Inglis, the first pastor of this congregation, is held by the people of his charge, that under the Divine blessing we ascribe our present position to the self-denying labors of him, who, sixteen years ago, accepted in faith, the call accorded to him by the little band of some twenty heads of families; who, in fear and trembling, sought as best they could, to obey the command of the Master; that we bear our sincere testimony to his earnestness and faithfulness, to his devotion to duty and stronger than the instinct of affection, to the unswerving fidelity with which, during the period of his ministry amongst us constantly and fearlessly he unfolded to us the message of salvation in that unfailing confidence which all true men have.”

The following minute was unanimously adopted by the Presbytery of Hamilton in connection with the removal of Dr. Inglis to Toronto.

FIRST.—That the Presbytery record its satisfaction that the General Assembly has appointed to the Chair of Systematic Theology in Knox College one whom this Presbytery had cordially recommended as eminently qualified for that position.

SECOND.—That the Presbytery congratulates Mr. Inglis on receiving this honorable distinction, and following him to the discharge of its functions with their prayer and their high expectation that he will prove a faithful and successful teacher.

THIRD.—That the Presbytery while rejoicing for the church's sake that Mr. Inglis had been called to fill an important chair in one of our colleges, desire to place on record their

personal feelings of regret at parting with their brother, who, as a member of the Presbytery and one of the city ministers of the City of Hamilton, did so much to commend himself to our esteem and affection by his prudence and tact, his knowledge of church order in transacting business, and zealous labors in connection with the missionary operations of the Presbytery and of the church at large.

As a mark of the esteem in which Dr. Inglis was held, not only by his own congregation, but by the citizens generally, a meeting was held in the Centenary Methodist Church, at which all denominations were represented, he was presented with an address and a purse containing one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in gold.

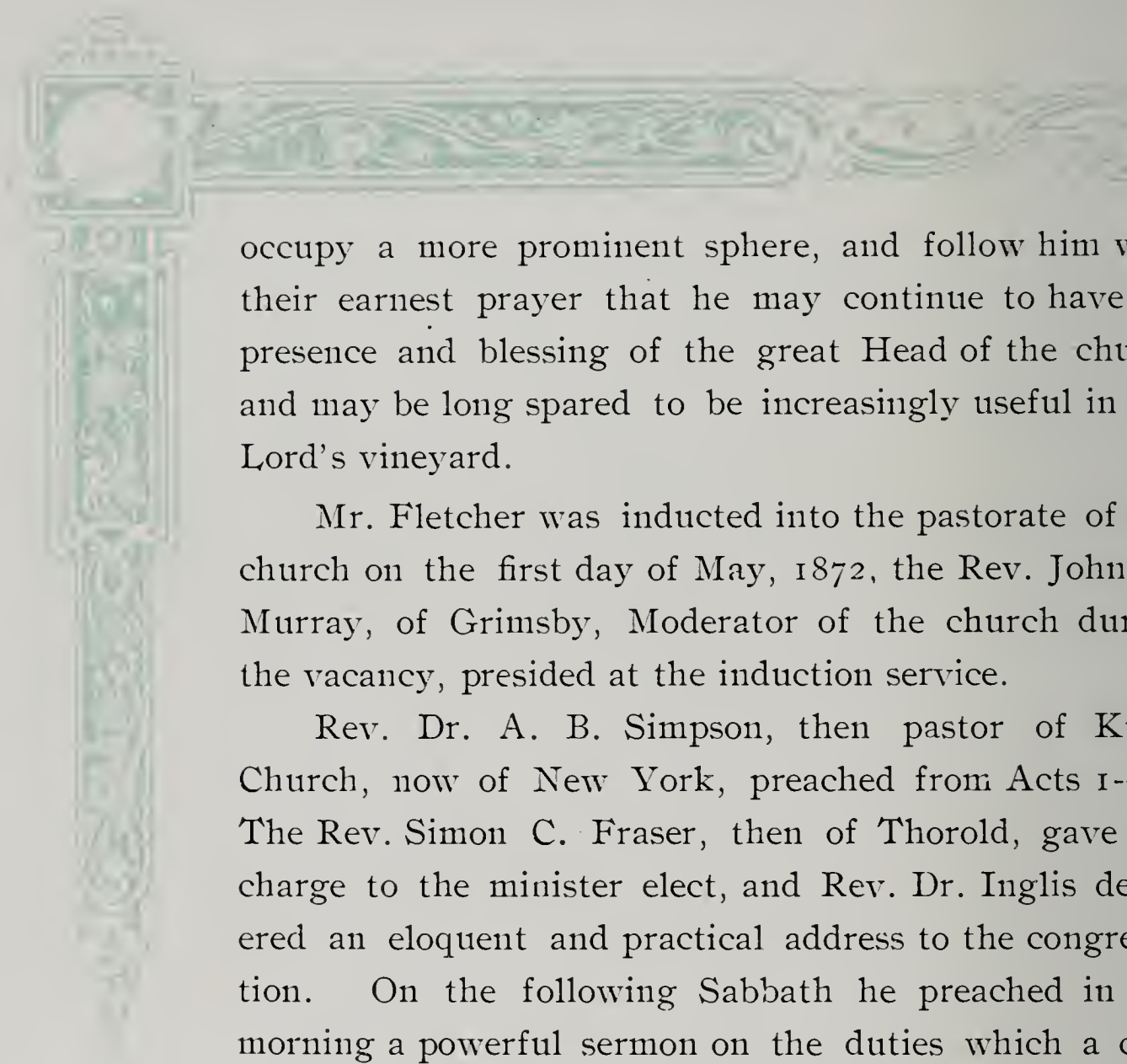
His eminence as a preacher attracted much attention. He only continued one session as Professor in Knox College, when he received a call to the Dutch Reform Church in Brooklyn, New York, which he accepted, and labored there with the same earnestness, fidelity and success that characterized his former pastorates, until the Master whom he loved and served, called him to his reward.



Rev. Donald H. Fletcher the Second Pastor

IN February, 1872, the congregation extended a unanimous call to the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, then minister of Knox Church, Scarboro, which he accepted. Dr. Fletcher labored in Scarboro, his first charge, for nearly twelve years; the Presbytery of Toronto, in parting with him, engrossed in its minutes the following resolution, moved by the late Dr. J. M. King, and seconded by Dr. Topp.

The Presbytery cannot allow their brother, Mr. Fletcher, to be separated from the Presbytery by his translation to McNab Street Church, Hamilton, without expressing their esteem for his personal and ministerial character, and their appreciation of his faithful labors as a member of the Presbytery, and as a pastor within its bounds. They would gratefully record their sense of the high place, which, by his diligence and ability and Christian zeal and bearing he obtained for himself, and held with increasing strength, in the affection and respect both of his brethren in the Presbytery and of the congregation of Scarboro, to which he ministered nearly twelve years. The Presbytery would especially notice the great services which Mr. Fletcher has rendered as a member of the Presbytery, by his regularity in attending its meetings, by his invaluable counsel and by the efficiency with which he discharged whatever duties were laid on him by the Presbytery. It is therefore with sincere sympathy for the congregation of Scarboro in the loss which they have sustained and with deep regret personally that they part with their beloved brother; whilst they rejoice that he has been called upon to




occupy a more prominent sphere, and follow him with their earnest prayer that he may continue to have the presence and blessing of the great Head of the church and may be long spared to be increasingly useful in the Lord's vineyard.

Mr. Fletcher was inducted into the pastorate of the church on the first day of May, 1872, the Rev. John G. Murray, of Grimsby, Moderator of the church during the vacancy, presided at the induction service.

Rev. Dr. A. B. Simpson, then pastor of Knox Church, now of New York, preached from Acts 1-6-8. The Rev. Simon C. Fraser, then of Thorold, gave the charge to the minister elect, and Rev. Dr. Inglis delivered an eloquent and practical address to the congregation. On the following Sabbath he preached in the morning a powerful sermon on the duties which a congregation owes to its pastor, and affectionately commended his successor in the pastorate to the love, sympathy and confidence of the congregation. Mr. Fletcher preached in the evening on the supreme excellence of the knowledge of Jesus Christ. (Phillipians 3-8). During his long pastorate Dr. Fletcher received many generous expressions of appreciation of his services from the congregation. On his return home, after receiving from his Alma Mater the degree of Doctor in Divinity, the congregation gave him a very cordial reception, and presented him with a congratulatory address. He received at the same time, from the young people, a beautifully illuminated address, accompanied by a handsome gold watch, which he will always prize highly as an expression of the affection and loyalty of the young people of his flock.

At a social meeting of the congregation, to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate, the following address,



beautifully illuminated and handsomely bound in a book form was presented to him :

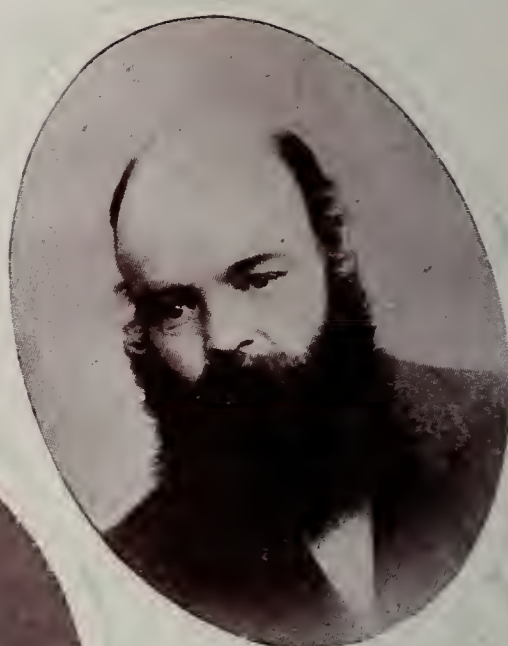
To Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D. D., 1872-1897.

The lapse of years having brought the congregation of McNab Street Presbyterian Church to a most interesting period in its history, we, the members and adherents, have resolved to mark the occasion in a manner befitting its importance and joyful character. With thankfulness to God in our hearts for His continued goodness to us, exhibited in many and various ways, we congratulate you, our pastor, on being spared for the long period of twenty-five years to minister to us—to preside over our spiritual interests, and to be identified with the various events of our several lives. To us all the memory of these years is precious—to none more so than to those who witnessed your advent amongst us and bade you welcome.

In these days of restlessness and change such an occasion as this is of rare occurrence, and one worthy to be celebrated in a befitting manner. In attempting to do this we are not unmindful of the high esteem in which you are held by your fellow citizens and by the church at large, nor of the fact that you have in the past received from them expressions of good will and appreciation of your worth. Your life amongst us for five and twenty years has shown us that we occupy a large space in your heart. This has been manifested by the kindly interest displayed in all that has befallen us in the course of these many years—in the joy evinced at our joy and prosperity—in the swift and tender sympathy with us in sorrow and adversity—and in the presentation of truth from the pulpit which has helped to mould our characters and guide our lives, not in the strength which is but weakness, but through faith in



REV. J. D. BINGHAM



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C. D. HINESBACH



W. F. H. H.



E. H. FITCHIE



JAMES STUART

PRESENT ELDERS



Him to whom you have ever faithfully directed us.

To yourself at such a time as this there must come thoughts of what has been and of those who are not; memories of mingled joy and sorrow, recollections of the steadfast and the true who have "crossed the bar." You have witnessed growth in family life, expansion in the church and improvement in civic and national affairs. The years that are gone have borne ample testimony to your ministry, the present is richer in opportunities than the past and the future beckons you on by faithful effort to still greater things. Turning from our pleasant past to that which lies before us, we would assure you of the continuance of our love and esteem, and of our loyalty to this now historic church, believing that a still grander work may be accomplished in the name of Christ our Saviour, whose servants we are. In further evidence of these expressions of our affection for you, and as a remembrance of this auspicious occasion, we ask your acceptance of this accompanying cheque, trusting that you will find amid your many responsibilities an appropriate object for its use.

We cannot conclude without referring to the many excellent qualities of your beloved partner in life which have secured for her the deep and lasting affection of the whole congregation, and we wish you, Mrs. Fletcher and your children many years of health and usefulness.

Dated at Hamilton the first day of May, A. D. 1897.

Signed on behalf of the congregation.

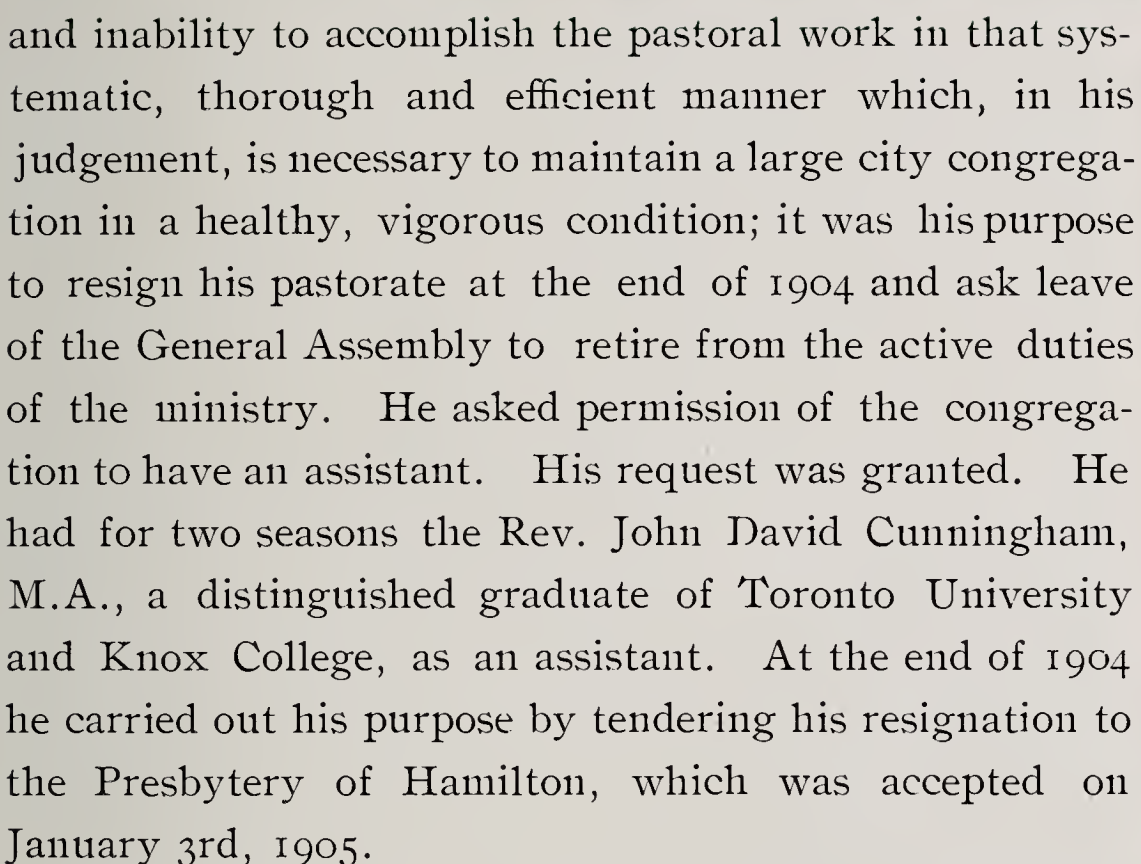
ALEX. DAVIDSON,

Session Clerk.

D. McPHIE,

Chairman Board of Managers.

The cheque accompanying the address was for six hundred dollars. Dr. Fletcher intimated to the congregation at their annual meeting in January, 1903, that, owing to advancing years



and inability to accomplish the pastoral work in that systematic, thorough and efficient manner which, in his judgement, is necessary to maintain a large city congregation in a healthy, vigorous condition; it was his purpose to resign his pastorate at the end of 1904 and ask leave of the General Assembly to retire from the active duties of the ministry. He asked permission of the congregation to have an assistant. His request was granted. He had for two seasons the Rev. John David Cunningham, M.A., a distinguished graduate of Toronto University and Knox College, as an assistant. At the end of 1904 he carried out his purpose by tendering his resignation to the Presbytery of Hamilton, which was accepted on January 3rd, 1905.

In 1871 the last year of Dr. Inglis' pastorate, the commodious and beautiful manse to the south of the church was completed at a cost of \$4500 and taken possession of by the pastor.

During the pastorate of Dr. Fletcher the church has been re-seated and otherwise improved and beautified. The fine toned bell, which is placed in the tower of the church and is heard every Sabbath all over the city, summoning the people to worship, was donated by the late Senator James McMillan, of Detroit, who in his youth attended the church with his parents. The Menealys, of Troy, in shipping it, stated it was one of the best bells ever turned out of their foundry. It is of the best metal, weighs 3000 pounds, and cost with its mountings nearly \$2,000.00 ; it is a beautiful pattern and cast in the metal is the inscription :



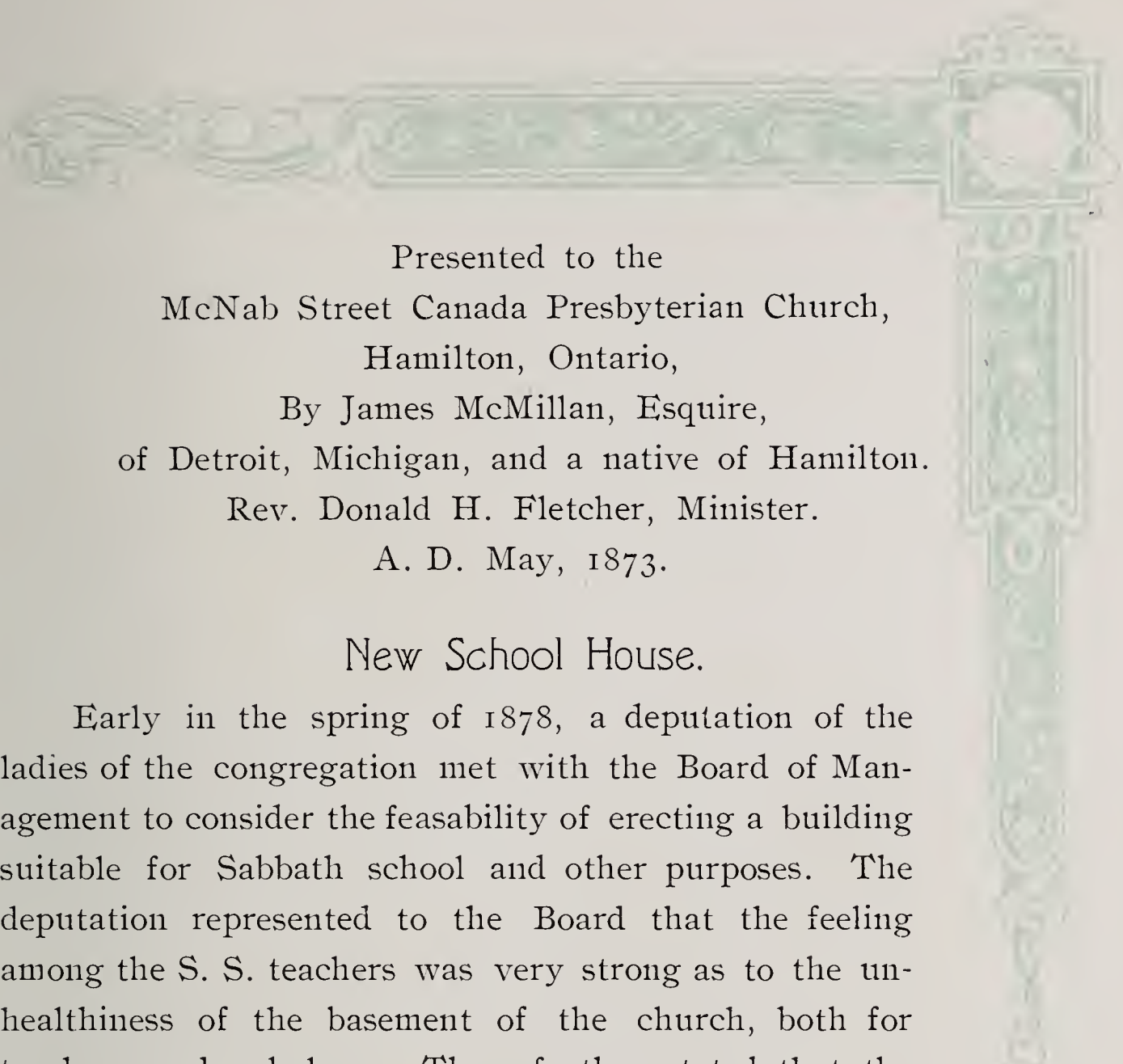
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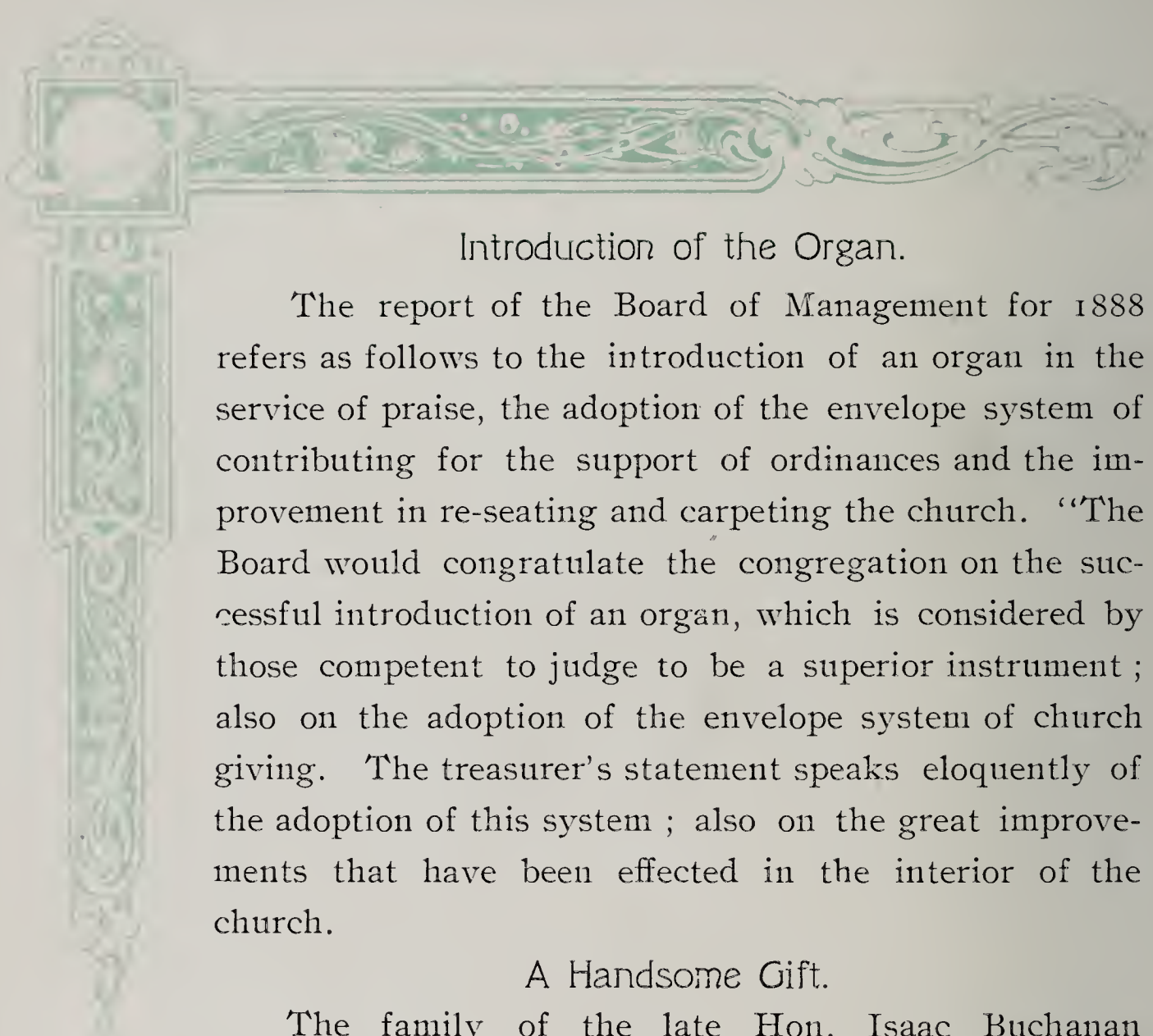
THOMAS DUFFY



Presented to the
McNab Street Canada Presbyterian Church,
Hamilton, Ontario,
By James McMillan, Esquire,
of Detroit, Michigan, and a native of Hamilton.
Rev. Donald H. Fletcher, Minister.
A. D. May, 1873.

New School House.

Early in the spring of 1878, a deputation of the ladies of the congregation met with the Board of Management to consider the feasibility of erecting a building suitable for Sabbath school and other purposes. The deputation represented to the Board that the feeling among the S. S. teachers was very strong as to the unhealthiness of the basement of the church, both for teachers and scholars. They further stated that the amount which they had raised justified them in coming forward to urge that such a building should be erected. At a congregational meeting held in May of the same year, it was decided to proceed with the erection of a schoolhouse. A building committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Macdonald, Dr. McQuesten from the session, Alexander Turner, John Moodie and Donald McPhie, from the Board of Management; Hon. Jas. Turner and Alexander Harvey from the congregation, and J. M. Dingwall, Superintendent of the Sabbath School. On the 8th day of October following the building was formally opened by a social meeting, when the Chairman of the Building Committee delivered the keys of the new edifice to the Hon. Isaac Buchanan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

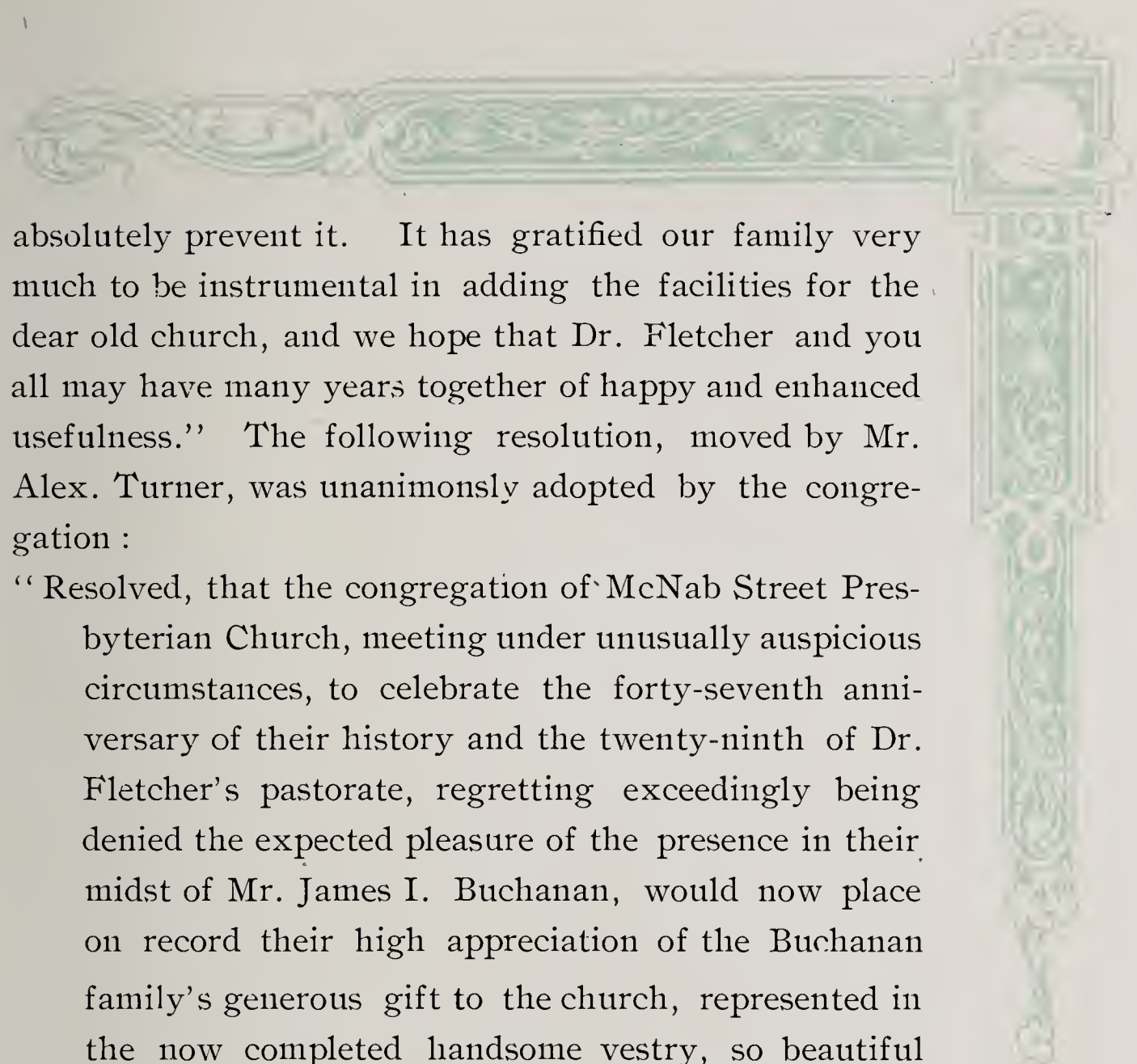


Introduction of the Organ.

The report of the Board of Management for 1888 refers as follows to the introduction of an organ in the service of praise, the adoption of the envelope system of contributing for the support of ordinances and the improvement in re-seating and carpeting the church. "The Board would congratulate the congregation on the successful introduction of an organ, which is considered by those competent to judge to be a superior instrument ; also on the adoption of the envelope system of church giving. The treasurer's statement speaks eloquently of the adoption of this system ; also on the great improvements that have been effected in the interior of the church.

A Handsome Gift.

The family of the late Hon. Isaac Buchanan expressed in a very handsome way, through Mr. James I. Buchanan, of Pittsburgh, their abiding interest in the welfare of the congregation and in the comfort of its pastor, by the erection of the fine building annexed to the south of the church, containing a study for the minister and a commodious vestry for the meetings of the session, Board of Management and other organizations connected with the church. Both rooms are furnished most completely and comfortably at a cost of \$5000.00. At the anniversary services of the congregation, held on May 20th, 1901, this beautiful and useful building was formally handed over to the trustees of the congregation. The following message from Mr. J. I. Buchanan, in reply to an invitation to be present at this service, was read : " Regret exceedingly that it will be impossible for me to be with you at your anniversary service. Nothing, I believe, would give me greater pleasure than to be with you, but my business engagements are such as to



absolutely prevent it. It has gratified our family very much to be instrumental in adding the facilities for the dear old church, and we hope that Dr. Fletcher and you all may have many years together of happy and enhanced usefulness." The following resolution, moved by Mr. Alex. Turner, was unanimously adopted by the congregation :

"Resolved, that the congregation of McNab Street Presbyterian Church, meeting under unusually auspicious circumstances, to celebrate the forty-seventh anniversary of their history and the twenty-ninth of Dr. Fletcher's pastorate, regretting exceedingly being denied the expected pleasure of the presence in their midst of Mr. James I. Buchanan, would now place on record their high appreciation of the Buchanan family's generous gift to the church, represented in the now completed handsome vestry, so beautiful in structure and so luxurious in all its appointments. They value also the thoughtfulness that prompted the family to this noble deed, and that they performed it in a manner that would honor and gratify the pastor. Their prayer is that the family may be long spared to enjoy the divine blessing in all their undertakings in life.

Office-bearers.

The first session elected by the congregation and inducted into the office of the eldership, consisted of Plummer Dewar, Maitland Young, Robert Ewing, Robert Hopkins and James Boyd.

Members of the Present Session.

Rev. Dr. Fletcher, Moderator ; J. M. Dingwall, elected in 1865 ; G. H. Milne, elected in 1875 ; John Taylor, elected in 1887 ; Rev. James Black, elected in 1889 ; A. W. Leitch, elected



JAMES THOMSON



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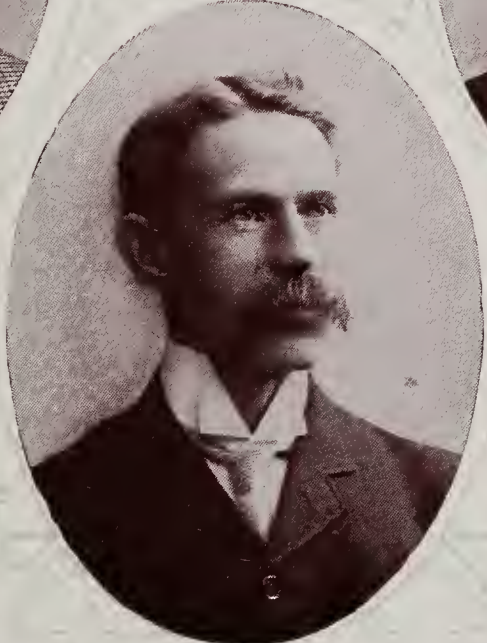
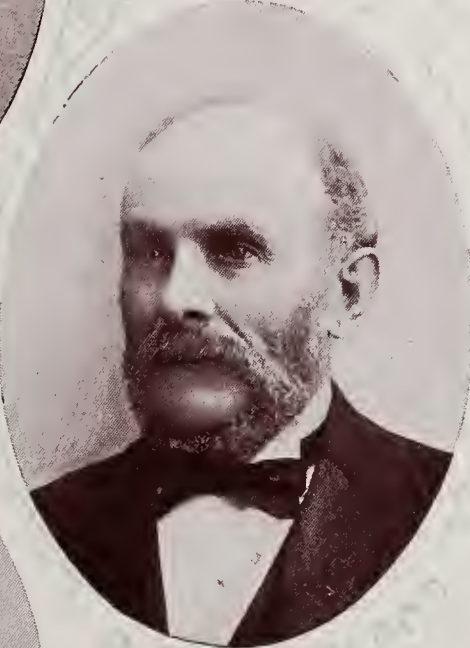
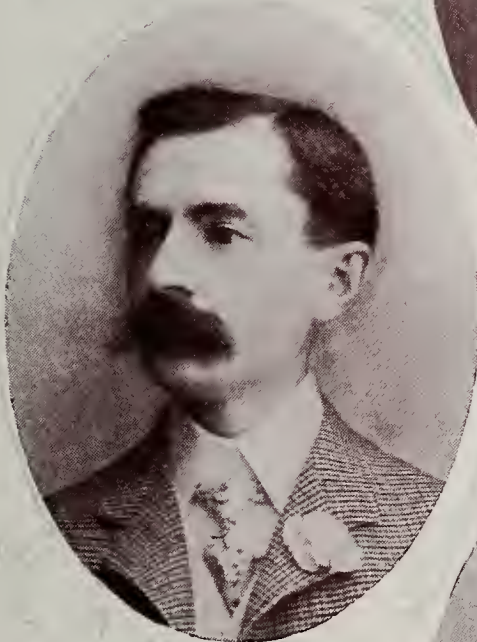
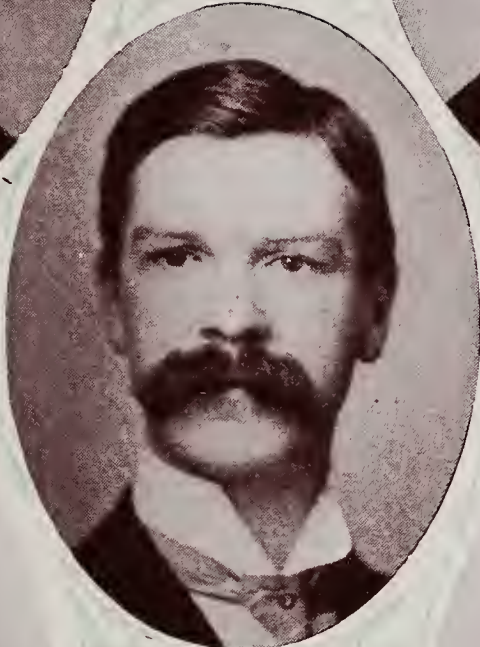
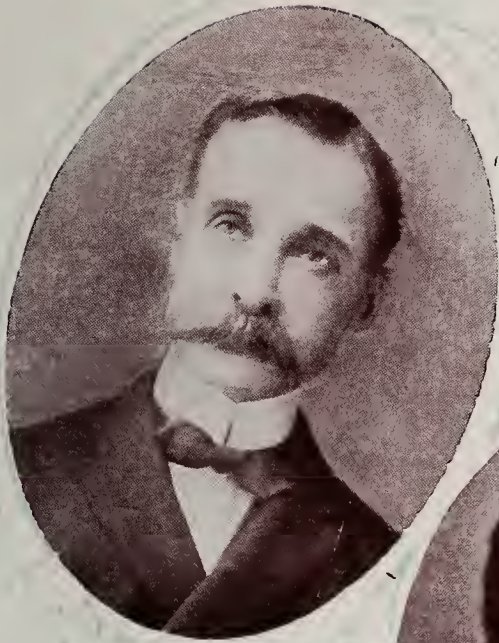


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in 1889 ; James Paterson, elected in 1897 ; James Stuart, elected in 1900 ; R. B. Ferrie, elected in 1900 ; W. H. Wardrope, elected in 1900 ; C. D. Hossack, elected in 1900 ; Jas. R. Cook, elected in 1904.

The following are the names of all who have been members of the session, with date of election and removal and cause of removal :

Name.	Date of Election.	Date of Removal.	Cause.
Plummer Dewar	Aug., 1855	Nov., 1878	Death
Robert Hopkins	"	May, 1863	Resigned
Robert Ewen	"	April, 1878	Death
Maitland Young, Sr.,	"	May, 1868	Resigned
James Boyd	"	Oct., 1865	Resigned
Donald McLellan	April, 1858	Oct., 1864	Resigned
Adam Cook	"	April, 1873	Death
A. I. McKenzie	April, 1858	Feb., 1874	Resigned
John Brown	"	July, 1876	Resigned
✓ Jas. Osborne	Nov., 1865	Oct., 1868	Death
Peter Budge	"	April, 1877	Death
Hugh Shaw	"	Dec., 1873	Death
J.D. MacDonald, M.D.	Jan., 1874	Mar., 1903	Death
Dr. McQuesten	"	Oct., 1885	Death
D. McLellan	"	Oct., 1886	Death
George Smith	"	Nov., 1880	Resigned
James Watson	June, 1875	Oct., 1878	Resigned
George Dickson	July, 1882	July, 1885	Resigned
Alex. Davidson	Jan., 1887	Oct., 1897	Resigned
John McMaster	Jan., 1887	Jan., 1889	Resigned
Robert Forbes	"	June, 1891	Death
Chas. Robertson	May, 1887	Feb., 1892	Death
John Maxwell	"	Jan., 1889	Death
J. G. McIlwraith	Jan., 1893	July, 1902	Resigned
Rev. John Gauld	May, 1897	Jan., 1904	Death

The temporal affairs of the church were managed from the inception of the congregation, till May, 1872, by a Deacon's Court. The first Deacon's Court consisted of Andrew Skinner, James Buntin, William Chisholm, Dr. J. D. Macdonald, James Spalding, George McKay and Charles Robb. On the 13th of May, 1872, at a congregational meeting, a resolution was adopted, superseding the Deacon's Court by a Board of Management.

The first Board of Management elected consisted of Messrs. Wm. McMillan, Chairman; John Moodie, Treasurer; Angus Sutherland, Secretary; Alex. Turner, D. McPhie, George James, C. J. Williams, Wm. Murphy, Thos. Smith, Jas. Angus, I. C. McKeand. Mr. Wm. McMillan was chairman for one year, Mr. Alex. Turner was chairman from 1873 to 1890, and Mr. Donald McPhie has been chairman from 1891. Mr. John Moodie was treasurer till 1888. He was succeeded by Mr. Jas. Chisholm, who is still treasurer. Mr. Angus Sutherland was secretary of the Deacons' Court from 1864 and of the Board of Management when first organized. He still fills the position.

The present Board of Managers consists of Messrs. Donald McPhie, Chairman; Angus Sutherland, Secretary; James Chisholm, Treasurer; A. Ballentine, C. W. Graham, C. S. Murray, Alexander Leith, William Symington, James Strous, James Thomson and Robert M. McC. Moncur.

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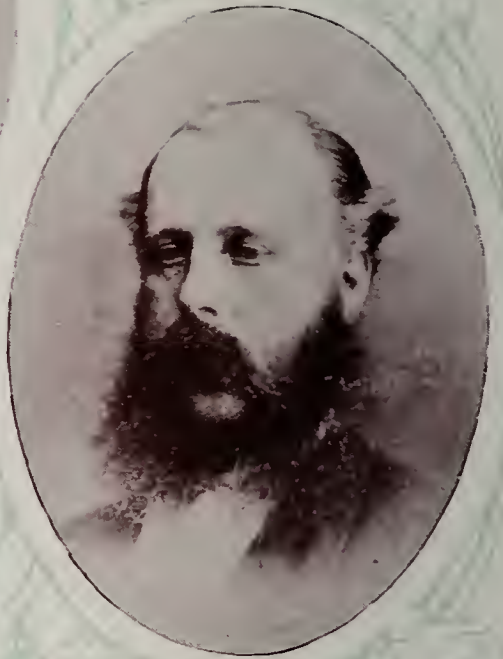
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Sabbath School.

The pastor, President: Mr. A. W. Leitch, Superintendent; Mr. Jas. R. Cook, Assistant Superintendent; Miss M. G. McMillan, Secretary; Mr. W. P. Graham, Treasurer; R. A. Robertson and E. Skedden, Librarians.



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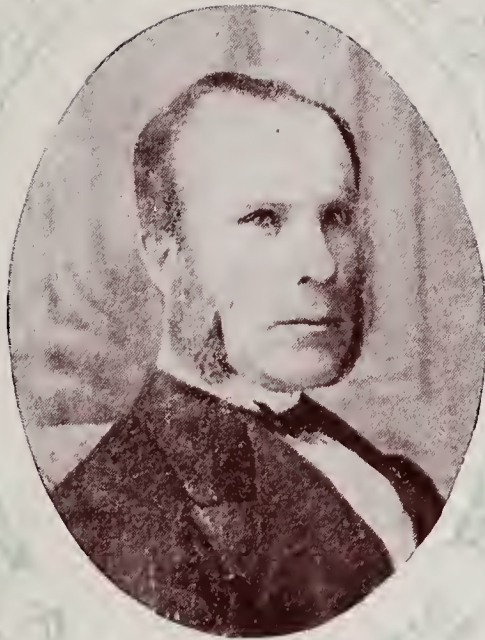


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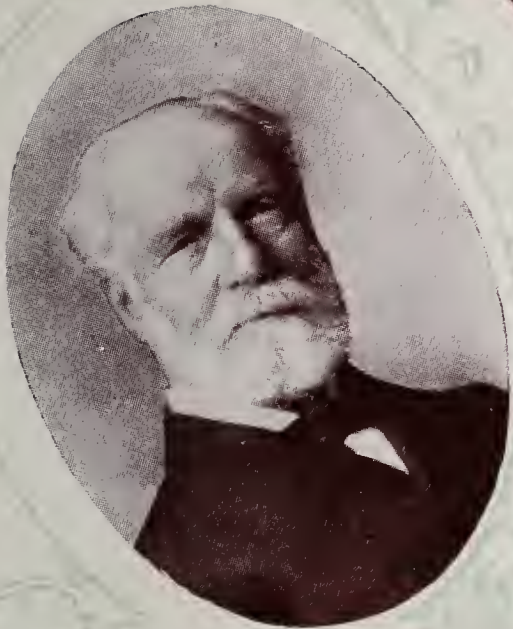


JAMES H. BROWN

SUNDAY
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TENDENTS



GEORGE SMITH

J. M. DINGWALL



Dr. J. M. MacDONALD

A. W. LITCH

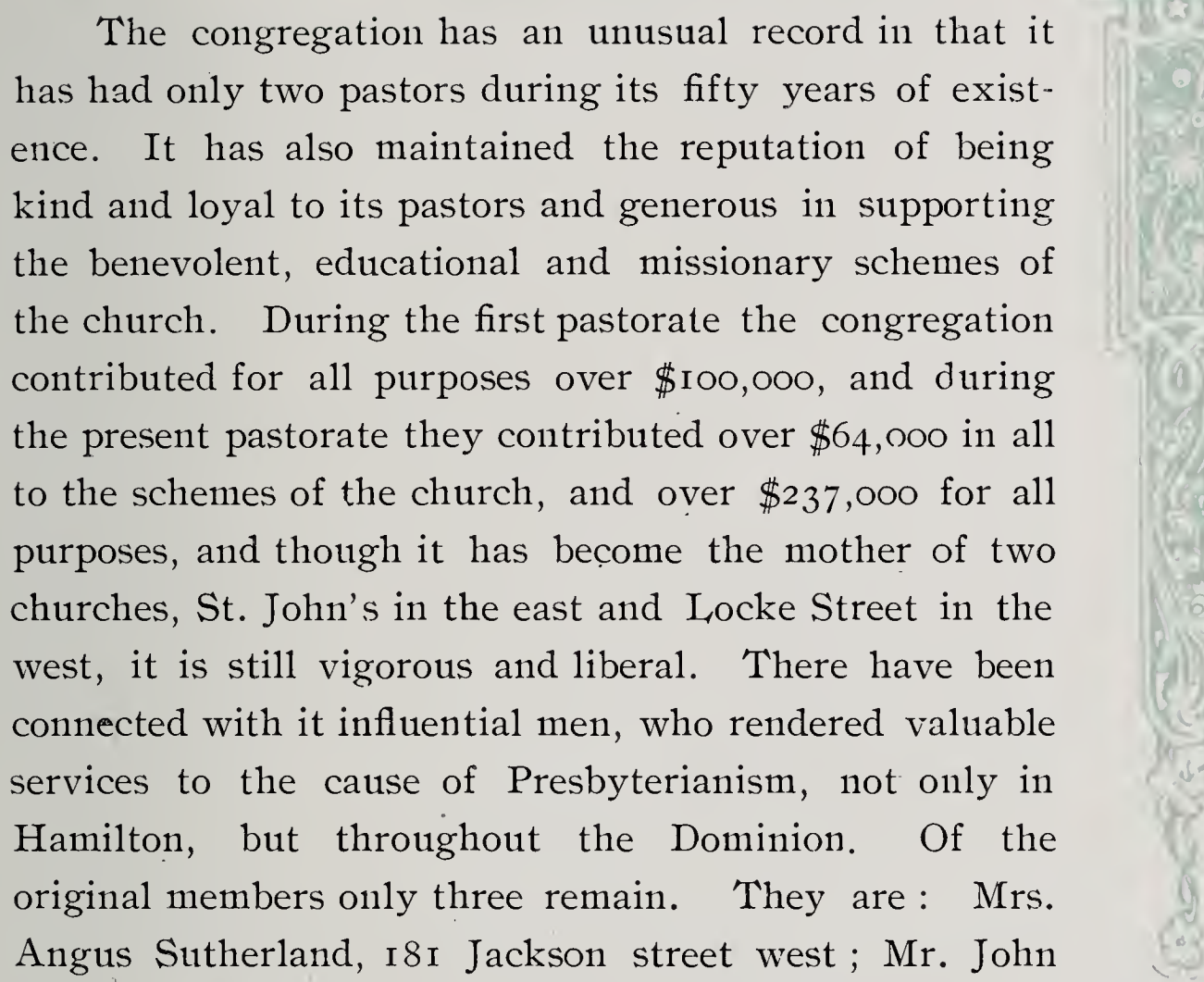
Teachers—Messrs. James R. Cook, R. R. Ferrie, B. Malcolmson, R. Smith ; Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Meston ; Misses Isa Black, Jean Black, Mary McNab, Hostetter, Rose Fell, Milne, McMillan, McNab, Moncur, Quarrier, Waters, Sellar, Williams, A. Stewart, M. Malloy, McFarlane.

List of Superintendents of Sabbath School of McNab Street Presbyterian Church.

1855 to 1860	-	-	
1860 to 1861	-	-	Robert Hopkin
1862 to 1872	-	-	A. I. McKenzie
1872	-	-	J. C. McKeand
1873	-	-	J. M. Dingwall
1874 to 1876	-	-	Geo. Smith
1876 to 1881	-	-	J. M. Dingwall
1881 to 1892	-	-	J. D. MacDonald, M. D.
1892 still in office	-	-	A. W. Leitch

Leaders of Psalmody in McNab Street Presbyterian Church.

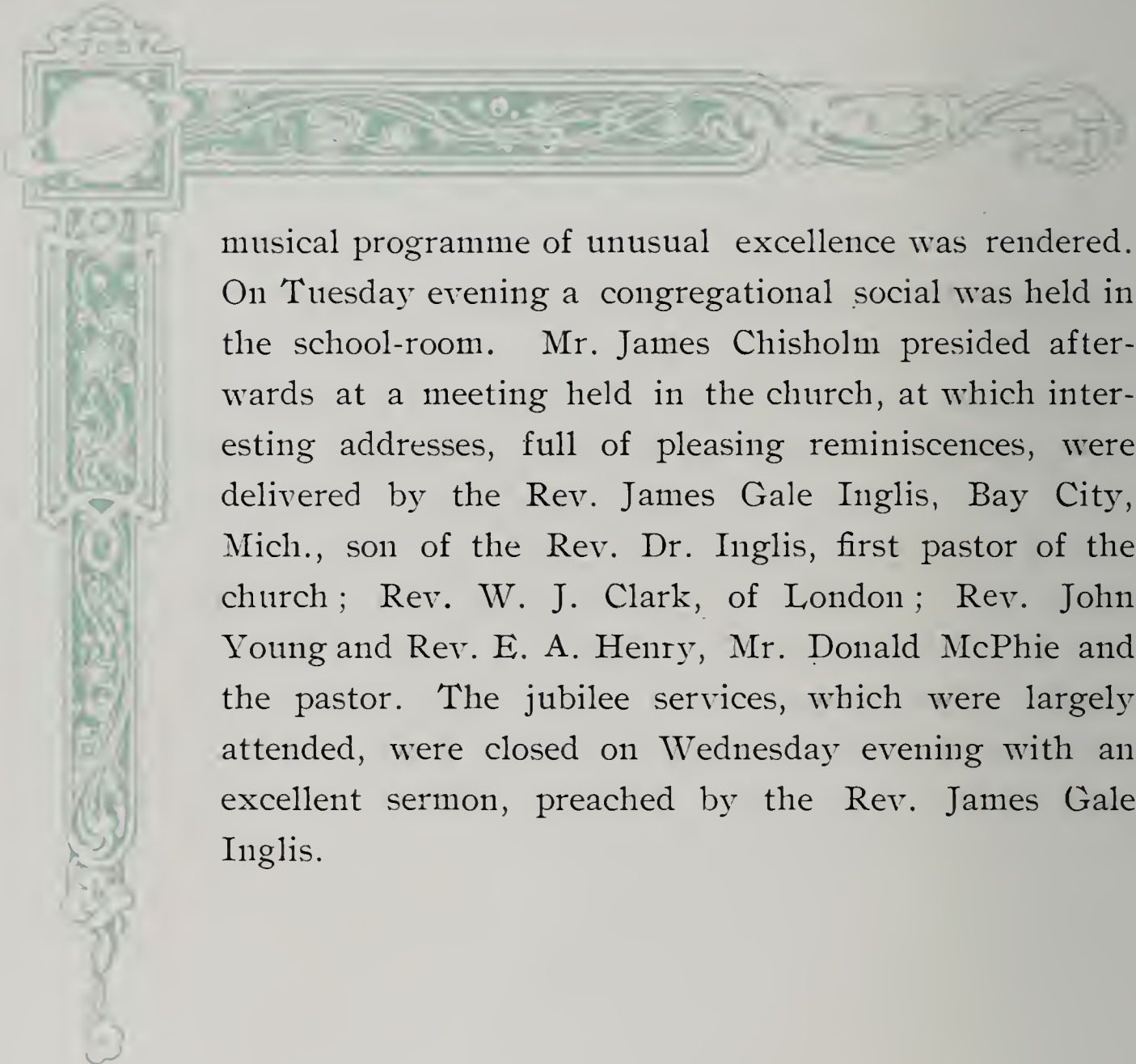
	Date of Election	Retired
Alex. M. Ewen	Nov., 1855	April, 1858
Angus Sutherland	Acted for one year	
John Wilson	June, 1869	June, 1880
J. M. Sawers	Aug., 1880	Aug., 1882
James Smith	Acted during vacancy for 3 months	
William Addison	Nov., 1882	Nov., 1888
Introduction of the organ	Nov., 1887	
Mrs. Weir	Mar., 1888	Mar., 1896
Miss Alice M. Stuart	April, 1896	Still in office
W. F. Robinson	April, 1891	Oct., 1894
Sydney Grant	Sept., 1897	Feb., 1898
Edwin Skedden	April, 1898	Still in office



The congregation has an unusual record in that it has had only two pastors during its fifty years of existence. It has also maintained the reputation of being kind and loyal to its pastors and generous in supporting the benevolent, educational and missionary schemes of the church. During the first pastorate the congregation contributed for all purposes over \$100,000, and during the present pastorate they contributed over \$64,000 in all to the schemes of the church, and over \$237,000 for all purposes, and though it has become the mother of two churches, St. John's in the east and Locke Street in the west, it is still vigorous and liberal. There have been connected with it influential men, who rendered valuable services to the cause of Presbyterianism, not only in Hamilton, but throughout the Dominion. Of the original members only three remain. They are: Mrs. Angus Sutherland, 181 Jackson street west; Mr. John Taylor, 184 Market street, and Mrs. James R. Cook, 67 Jackson street west.

The jubilee services of the congregation were held on Sabbath, the 23rd of October, 1904, and three following days. On Sabbath morning, Rev. Professor Ballentine, of Knox College, preached an able and helpful sermon from I. Corinthians, 3 chap., 6 ver., "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." In the afternoon Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Knox Church, Toronto, gave a very instructive address to the Sabbath school children, their teachers and parents. Mr. Winchester preached also in the evening an eloquent sermon from Matthew, 6-10, "Thy kingdom come." All the services were enjoyed by large congregations.

On Monday evening a sacred concert was given in the church, which was attended by 1,000 people, and at which a



musical programme of unusual excellence was rendered. On Tuesday evening a congregational social was held in the school-room. Mr. James Chisholm presided afterwards at a meeting held in the church, at which interesting addresses, full of pleasing reminiscences, were delivered by the Rev. James Gale Inglis, Bay City, Mich., son of the Rev. Dr. Inglis, first pastor of the church; Rev. W. J. Clark, of London; Rev. John Young and Rev. E. A. Henry, Mr. Donald McPhie and the pastor. The jubilee services, which were largely attended, were closed on Wednesday evening with an excellent sermon, preached by the Rev. James Gale Inglis.



FIFTY YEARS

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MRS ANGUS SUTHERLAND



MRS J R COOK



JOHN TAYLOR

FIFTIETH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF

MacNab Street
Presbyterian Church
Hamilton, Canada

FOR YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FOUR

Office Bearers

For 1905

The Session

Rev. H. Beverley Ketchen, M.A., *Moderator*
The Manse, 116 MacNab St. South
James M. Dingwall, 115 Napier Street
Geo. H. Milne, 65-67 Mary Street
Rev. James Black, 112 Herkimer Street
James Paterson, 162 Hannah Street
Wm. H. Wardrope, K.C., 224 Bay Street South
John Taylor, 184 Market Street
Alexander W. Leitch, 144 Herkimer Street
Charles D. Hossack, 140 Herkimer Street
James Stuart, 140 Hunter Street East
Robert R. Ferrie, Mountain Top
James R. Cook, Session Clerk, 132 Duke Street

Meetings—2nd Tuesday of each month.

Trustees

Alexander Turner, 151 Hughson Street South
Donald McPhie, 105 East Avenue South
John Y. Osborne, 36 Herkimer Street
Joseph J. C. Thomson, 1 Duke Street
David Graham, 44 Hannah Street
Adam H. Hope, 66 Hannah Street West

Managers

Donald McPhie, *Chairman*, 105 East Avenue South
Angus Sutherland, *Secretary*, 181 Jackson St. West
Captain James Chisholm, *Treasurer*, 39 East Ave. N.
Adam Ballentine, 69 Augusta Street
Charles W. Graham, 53 Markland Street
Charles S. Murray, 265 Queen Street South
William Symington, 134 Duke Street
James Strous, 150 Queen Street South
James Thompson 70 West Avenue South
Robert M. McC. Moncur, 222 Bay Street South
Thomas Cook, 132 Duke Street

Meeting—2nd Monday in each month.

Pew Steward

William Symington, 134 Duke Street

Auditors

Robert A. Robertson, 66 Hannah Street East
Robert A. Ptolemy, King Street East

Ushers

Louis M. Stuart, 88 Victoria Avenue
James W. Moncur, 209 James Street South
John N. McDougall, 131 Duke Street
Stuart T. McPhie, 105 East Avenue South
Reginald Glassco, 196 Aberdeen Avenue
William James, 86 Bay Street South
William P. Graham, 44 Hannah Street West
Macdonald Wardrope, 224 Bay Street South

Church Officer

Robert Murray, 23 Augusta Street

Choir Association

John McCoy, *President*, 98 Duke Street
Robert J. Smith, *Vice-President*, 140 Hughson St. S.
Thomas Cook, *Secretary*, 132 Duke Street
Miss Winnie Glassco, *Treasurer*, 196 Aberdeen Ave.
John H. Mitchell, *Librarian*, 72 Victoria Ave. South
Edwin Skedden, *Musical Director*, 125 Hunter
Street West
Miss Alice M. Stewart, *Organist*, 152 James St. South

Committee

Miss Flossie Kinrade, 105 Herkimer Street
Miss Edith Carey, 217 Hannah Street West
Miss Florence Moore, 384 Victoria Avenue North
Miss Lottie Smith, 175 Market Street
Miss Martha McLaughlin, 42 Ray Street South

Meetings—When convenient.

Church Choir

Edwin Skedden, *Musical Director*, 125 Hunter
Street West
Miss Alice M. Stuart, *Organist*, 152 James St. South

Soprano

Miss Flossie Kinrade, *Soloist*, 105 Herkimer Street
Miss M. Armstrong, 175 Market Street
Miss Maggie Castell, 137 Duke Street
Mrs. C. T. DeKam, Sherman Ave. N., near Cannon
Miss Erie Hossack, 140 Herkimer Street
Miss Emily MacCombs, Winona, Ont.
Miss Emile McCoy, 98 Duke Street
Miss Martha McLaughlin, 42 Ray Street South
Miss Kate McLaurin, Stinson St., opp. Boys' Home
Miss Nena Ramsay, Bartonville, Ont.
Miss Hattie Tweedle, Fruitville, Ont.
Miss Lottie Venator, 94 Napier Street

Contralto

Miss Edith Carey, *Soloist*, 217 Hannah Street West
Miss Annie I. Fletcher, 377 Hess Street South
Miss Winnie Glassco, 196 Aberdeen Avenue
Miss M. Hazel Malloy, 93 Charles Street
Miss Florence Moore, 384 Victoria Avenue North
Miss Lottie Smith, 175 Market Street

Tenor

Harry Littlewood, *Soloist*, 21 Mill Street
John Anderson, 111 Locke Street North
Cornelius T. DeKam, Sherman Avenue North,
near Cannon
John H. Mitchell, 72 Victoria Avenue North

Bass

Edwin Skedden, *Soloist*, 125 Hunter St. West
Robert Arkell, 119 Maria Street
Thomas Cook, 132 Duke Street
Fred Foster, Wilson Street
John McCoy, 98 Duke Street
Joseph H. McCoy, 98 Duke Street
Harry Norrison, 57 Merrick Street

Meetings—Friday, 8 p.m.

Sabbath School

Rev. H. Beverley Ketchen, M.A., *President*, 116 Mac-
Nab Street South
Alexander W. Leitch, *Superintendent*, 144 Herkimer
Street
James R. Cook, *Assistant Superintendent*, 132 Duke
Street
Miss Margaret G. McMillan, *Secretary*, 127 Jackson
Street West
William P. Graham, *Treasurer*, 44 Hannah St. West

Librarian

Robert A. Robertson, 66 Hannah Street East

Assistant Librarians

Edwin Skedden, 125 Hunter Street West

Macdonald Wardrope, 224 Bay Street South

Teachers

Mrs. Donald H. Fletcher, 377 Hess Street South

Mrs. Helen Mesten, 128 Jackson Street West

Miss Isa Black, 112 Herkimer Street

Miss Jean B. Black, 112 Herkimer Street

Miss Mary McNab, 136 Robinson Street

Miss Laura Hostetter, "Amisfield," 1 Duke Street

Miss Rose Fell, 129 Caroline Street South

Miss Mary J. Milne, 67 Mary Street

Miss Margaret G. McMillan, 127 Jackson Street West

Miss Christina McNab, 136 Robinson Street

Miss Helen Moncur, 88 Bay Street South

Miss Bessie Quarrier, 173 Maria Street

Miss Annie Sellar, 172 Bold Street

Miss Douglas Williams, 132 Duke Street

Miss Ethel Finlayson, 158 Wellington Street South

Miss Mary McQuesten, 41 Jackson Street West

James R. Cook, 132 Duke Street

Buchanan Malcolmson, 23 Ferrie Street East

Robert J. Smith, 140 Hughson Street South

Thomas Gentle, 265 Aberdeen Avenue

Robert R. Ferrie, care Mrs. Craigie, Mountain Brow

Y. P. S. C. E.

Miss Sellar, *President*, 172 Bold Street

Miss J. Black, *1st Vice-President*, 112 Herkimer Street

Miss M. Castell, *2nd Vice-President*,

Miss M. Milne, *Secretary*, 67 Mary Street

Miss M. McKellar, *Treasurer*, 183 Victoria Ave. South

Missionary Committee

James M. Dingwall, *Chairman*, 115 Napier Street

Chas. W. Graham, *Secretary*, 53 Markland Street

Duncan Lavrock, *Treasurer*, 169 James Street South

Donald H. Fletcher, D.D., 377 Hess Street South

Wm. H. Wardrope, K.C., 224 Bay Street South

Charles D. Hossack, 140 Herkimer Street

Collectors

Mrs. Elizabeth McLellan Scott, 88 Bay Street South
Mrs. William Symington, 134 Duke Street
Miss Mary Turner, 151 Hughson Street South
Miss Bella Gillies, 136 Charles Street
Miss Mary McQuesten, 41 Jackson Street West
Miss Jennie McLaughlin, 42 Ray Street South
Miss Mabel Malloy, 93 Charles Street
Miss Bessie Quarrier, 173 Maria Street
Miss Effie Macfarlane, 104 George Street
Miss Winnie Glassco, 196 Aberdeen Avenue
Miss Helen Moncur, 209 James Street South
Miss Lily James, 86 Bay South
Miss Jennie Murphy, 473 King Street East
Miss Mary McNab, 136 Robinson Street
Miss Eliza Porter, 213 Robinson Street
Miss Marion McKellar, 183 Victoria Avenue South

The W. F. M. Society (Aux.)

Mrs. Mary B. McQuesten, *President*, 41 Jackson Street West
Mrs. Donald H. Fletcher, *1st Vice-President*, 377 Hess St. South
Mrs. Elizabeth McLellan Scott, *2nd Vice-President*, 88 Bay St. S.
Mrs. Alexander W. Leitch, *Secretary*, 144 Herkimer Street
Mrs. Robert M. McC. Moncur, *Treasurer*, 222 Bay Street South
Mrs. Hugh McLean, *Leaflet Secretary*, 225 Hannah Street West

Meetings—1st Tuesday each month at 3.30 p.m.

The W. H. M. Society (Aux.)

Mrs. Donald H. Fletcher, *President*, 377 Hess Street South
Mrs. Charles W. Graham, *Vice-President*, 53 Markland Street
Miss Bella Dingwall, *Secretary*, 115 Napier Street
Miss Mary Turner, *Treasurer*, 151 Hughson Street South

Meetings—1st Wednesday each month at 8 p.m.

Senior Mission Band

Miss Belle Macdonald, *President*, 38 Herkimer Street
Miss Bella Gillies, *Vice-President*, 136 Charles Street
Miss Margaret Moncur, *Secretary*, 209 James Street South
Miss Jennie Murphy, *Treasurer*, 473 King Street East

Meetings in Vestry every Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Junior Mission Band

Miss Douglas Williams, *President*, 132 Duke Street

Miss Ethel Finlayson, *1st Vice-President*, 158 Wellington St. South

Miss Mary Lavrock, *2nd Vice-President*, 169 James Street South

Miss Marjorie Moncur, *Secretary*, 209 James Street South

Miss Winnie Macfarlane, *Treasurer*, 104 George Street

Meetings—1st Thursday each month at 4.30.

Ladies' Aid Society

Mrs. Donald H. Fletcher, *President*, 377 Hess Street South

Mrs. Alexander R. Macfarlane, *Vice-President*, 104 George Street

Mrs. Charles W. Graham, *Secretary*, 53 Markland Street

Miss Jennie Malloy, *Treasurer*, 93 Charles Street

Meetings—2nd Thursday each month at 3 p.m.

Stated Meetings

Public Worship—Sabbath at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Elders' Prayer Meeting—Sabbath at 12.30 p.m.

Sabbath School—Sabbath at 3 p.m.

Prayer Meeting—Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Lord's Supper—First Sabbath in June and second Sabbath in September, December and January.

Sesssion Meetings—Second Tuesday in each month

Managers' Meetings—Second Monday in each month at 8 p.m.

Annual Meeting—Third Wednesday in January

S. S. Annual Meeting in January

S. S. Monthly Meeting—First Thursday in each month at 8 p.m.

Senior Mission Band—Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Junior Mission Band—First Thursday in each month at 4.30 p.m.

The W. F. M. Society (Aux)—First Tuesday in each month at 3.30 p.m.

The W. H. M. Society (Aux)—First Wednesday in each month at 8 p.m.

Ladies' Aid Society—Second Thursday in each month at 3 p.m.

Church Anniversary in May

S. S. Anniversary in January

Conversation with Pastor—At home every Friday afternoon and evening, and in Vestry every Sabbath evening after service.

Pews and Seatings may be secured from Pew Committee after Morning Service, or at 7.30 p.m. on evenings of Managers' Meetings.

Elders' Districts

- No. 1—North of King Street, West of Caroline Street—James M. Dingwall, 115 Napier Street.
- No. 2—North of King Street, from Caroline Street to Catharine Street—John Taylor, 184 Market Street.
- No. 3—North of King Street, East of Catharine Street—George H. Milne, 65-67 Mary Street.
- No. 4—South of King Street, East of Wellington Street—James R. Cook, 132 Duke Street
- No. 5—South of King Street, from Wellington Street to Catharine Street—James Stuart, 140 Hunter Street East.
- No. 6—South of King Street, from Catharine Street to James Street — Alexander W. Leitch, 144 Herkimer Street.
- No. 7—South of King Street, from James Street to Bay Street—William H. Wardrope, K.C., 224 Bay Street South.
- No. 8—South of King Street, from Bay Street to Caroline Street —Rev. James Black, 112 Herkimer Street.
- No. 9—South of King Street, from Caroline Street to Queen Street —Robert R. Ferrie, Mountain Top.
- No. 10—South of King Street, from Queen Street to City Limits—C. D. Hossack, 140 Herkimer Street.

Special Meeting

A special meeting of MacNab Street Church congregation was held in the Sabbath School on Wednesday evening, 28th December, 1904, having been duly summoned from the pulpit.

After the opening of the meeting with prayer and praise, Dr. Fletcher, the pastor, called on the congregation to appoint a chairman.

On motion of Mr. G. H. Milne, seconded by Mr. J. M. Dingwall, Mr. Donald McPhie was elected chairman and Mr. James Chisholm was duly appointed secretary of the meeting.

Moved by James Chisholm, seconded by J. M. Dingwall :

That the congregation of McNab Street Presbyterian Church do hereby acquiesce in the resignation of their pastor, Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D.D., and in doing so desire to place on record their hearty appreciation of his faithful service in the cause of Christ as pastor of the church for over thirty-two years ; their sincere regret that increasing years have rendered it necessary for him to sever the tie which has for so many years bound him to a united people, and the fond hope that he and his family may be long spared to carry on with the congregation the good work to which he has devoted the best years of his life.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. James Chisholm, seconded by Mr. C. S. Hossack :

That the following be appointed Commissioners to the Presbytery of Hamilton, to act in conjunction with representatives of the session at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, 3rd January, 1905, at Knox Church, Hamilton, when the resignation of Rev. D. H. Fletcher,

D.D., of the pastorage of MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, will be considered, viz. : Messrs. Alex. Turner, D. McPhie, R. A. Ptolemy and James Chisholm.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. J. M. Dingwall, seconded by Mr. Angus Sutherland :

That a committee consisting of both ladies and gentlemen be appointed with instructions to proceed to hear ministers who in their opinion are likely to meet with the approval of the congregation and to report.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Angus Sutherland, seconded by Mr. C. S. Murray :

That the following form the committee, namely : Messrs. A. W. Leitch, Geo. H. Milne and W. H. Wardrope from the Session, D. McPhie, Jas. Chisholm and C. W. Graham from the Board of Management, and Alex. Turner, Adam Balentine, D. Graham, D. Lavrock, R. A. Ptolemy, John McCoy, Thos. Cook and Mesdames McLellan-Scott, McQuesten and J. R. Cook and Miss I. B. Henderson from the congregation.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Jas. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. A. H. Hope :

That the following be appointed a committee to consider the question of a retiring allowance to Dr. Fletcher with instructions to report the result of their deliberations to the annual meeting of the congregation to be held on the third Wednesday of January next, namely : J. M. Dingwall, Geo. H. Milne, A. W. Leitch, Alex. Turner, Donald McPhie, J. Y. Osborne, C. W. Graham, Jas. Thomson, Adam Ballentine and James Chisholm. Mr. D. McPhie to act as chairman.—Carried.

There being no further business to bring before the meeting it was brought to a close with praise and prayer.

D. McPHIE,
Chairman.

JAS. CHISHOLM,
Secretary.

Confirmed 18th January, 1905.

Annual Meeting

Minutes of the annual meeting of McNab Street Presbyterian Church held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday, 18th January, 1905, at 8 o'clock :

Devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, after which he requested that a chairman be selected.

Whereupon Mr. D. McPhie was duly chosen chairman and Thomas Cook secretary of the meeting.

On motion of Mr. James Chisholm, seconded by Rev. Jas. Black, the minutes of last annual meeting, having been printed in the annual report, were taken as read.

Minutes of special meeting, 28th December, were read and confirmed.

For the Session clerk, Mr. A. W. Leitch, presented report of Session, and moved, seconded by Rev. James Black, that the report be adopted.—Carried.

Mr. D. McPhie, chairman, read the report of the Board of Managers and Mr. Chisholm moved, seconded by Mr. C. W. Graham, its adoption.—Carried.

Mr. James Chisholm, treasurer, then presented the annual statement, and moved, seconded by Mr. A. Ballentine, that the report be adopted.—Carried.

Mr. A. W. Leitch, superintendent, read the report of the Sabbath School, and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. G. H. Milne.—Carried.

Mr. Wm. Symington, reported for the treasurer of Sabbath School, and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. A. Ballentine.—Carried.

Mr. C. W. Graham on behalf of the secretary, Mrs. Graham, read report and financial statement of the Ladies' Aid Society, and moved, seconded by Mr. J. Thomson, its adoption.—Carried.

Mrs. McQuesten, president of the Auxiliary to the W. F. M. Society, read their report and moved its adoption, seconded by Miss Hostetter.—Carried.

Miss McNab presented report of Y. P. S. C. E., and moved its adoption, seconded by Miss Black.—Carried.

Miss M. Moncur, secretary, presented report of Senior Mission Band, and moved its adoption, seconded by Miss McNab.—Carried.

Mr. James Thomson, on behalf of the secretary-treasurer, Miss M. McLellan, presented report of Junior Mission Band, and moved its adoption, seconded by Miss Williams.—Carried.

Miss B. Dingwall presented report of W. H. M. S. and moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. McCoy.—Carried.

Mr. J. M. Dingwall presented report of Missionary Committee, also treasurer's report of this committee and Session Fund, and moved adoption of all, seconded by Rev. James Black.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. C. W. Graham, seconded by Mr. J. M. Dingwall, that the following compose the Missionary Committee :

Mr. J. M. Dingwall, *Chairman* ; Mr. D. Lavrock, *Treasurer* ; Mr. C. W. Graham, *Secretary* ; Rev. Dr. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. Wardrope, K.C., Mr. C. D. Hosack. *Collectors*—Mrs. McLellan-Scott, Mrs. Symington,

The Misses Gillies, W. Glassco, James, Mabel Malloy, Moncur, Murphy, M. McNab, Effie McFarlane, McLaughlin, McQuesten, E. Porter, Quarrier, Turner, M. McKellar.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. C. W. Graham, seconded by Mr. A. Ballentine, that the retiring managers, Messrs. Symington, Moncur and Murray, be re-elected, and that Thos. Cook be elected to the other vacancy on the Board.—Carried.

For the Special Committee appointed at the Congregational Meeting, 28th December, 1904, Mr. D. McPhie, chairman, reported :

Hamilton, Jan. 17, 1905.

To the members of McNab Street Presbyterian Church congregation :

Your special committee appointed at the Congregational meeting held 28th December, 1904, to consider the question of a retiring allowance to the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D.D., on his giving up the active duties of the ministry, begs to report as follows :

The committee met on Tuesday, January 10th, 1905, the following members being present, viz., Alex. Turner, J. M. Dingwall, G. H. Milne, C. W. Graham, A. Ballentine, Jas. Thomson, A. W. Leitch and D. McPhie. Mr. McPhie in the chair.

After a full discussion of the matter from the standpoint of the retiring pastor, as well as of the congregation, it was eventually moved by C. W. Graham and seconded by James Thomson.

That the retiring allowance of Rev. Dr. Fletcher be at the rate of \$500 (five hundred dollars) per annum.

This resolution was carried there being only one dissenting voice, and the member of the committee who dissented differing from the other members only in the method of making a satisfactory provision for Dr. Fletcher.

He contended that the congregation should give a lump sum instead of an annual allowance for Dr. Fletcher's lifetime.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee.

(Signed) D. McPHIE,
Chairman.

On motion of Mr. C. W. Graham, seconded by Mr. J. Thomson, it was unanimously adopted.

Moved by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Angus Sutherland, that ushers of previous year be reappointed with addition of McDonald Wardrope.—Carried.

Auditors Mr. R. A. Robertson and Mr. R. A. Ptolemy were reappointed on motion of Mr. C. W. Graham, seconded by Mr. James Chisholm.

Mr. A. W. Leitch was requested to act as chairman of committee appointed to hear ministers who would be likely to meet with the approval of the congregation, on motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Chisholm.

Mr. Ballentine moved, seconded by Mr. Dingwall ; That a committee be appointed to consider the present situation of McNab Street Presbyterian Church, with the T. H. & B. railway running so close to it, obstructing the avenues by gates and a large tunnel with smoke and dust continually at the doors and the fact of three Presbyterian churches so closely situated.

It will be the duty of the committee to consider whether in the interests of the congregation it should change its present situation ; what amount could be realized on the church and church property, what a site could be secured for in the southwest part of the city, and the cost of a new church suitable for this congregation. That this committee report to a special meeting of the congregation as soon as possible.

Moved in amendment by Mr. James Chisholm, seconded by Mr. A. W. Leitch :

That the congregation defer action regarding the appointment of a committee looking forward to the selection of a new site for a church until after the settlement of a new pastor.—Amendment carried.

Votes of thanks were then tendered to the various organizations on motion of Messrs. Sutherland and Dingwall.

Mr. R. A. Robertson reported that the ladies of the congregation had presented Mrs. Fletcher with a cheque as a slight remembrance and token of esteem, with very best wishes for her future happiness.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the chairman, Mr. D. McPhie and suitably acknowledged after which Rev. Jas. Black pronounced the benediction.

THOS. COOK,
Secretary.

Report of Session

The session, in presenting its annual statement, would express unfeigned thankfulness to God for His continued goodness to the congregation, and for all the tokens of divine favor, which the various organizations connected with the church enjoyed during the year.

The congregation celebrated the Jubilee of its organization on Sabbath, Oct. 23rd, and three following days. The services on the Sabbath were conducted by Rev. Professor Ballantyne, M. A., of Knox College, who preached in the morning and Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Knox Church, Toronto, who preached in the evening. An excellent musical concert was held on Monday evening, which was largely attended. A congregational social was held on Tuesday, at which addresses were delivered by the Rev. James Gale Ingles, Rev. W. J. Clark and others. On Wednesday the Rev. James Gale Ingles, son of the first pastor of the congregation, preached an earnest and helpful sermon. All the meetings were well attended and much enjoyed.

The Rev. John Gauld, a member of the Session for the last seven years, was called to his rest and reward on the 9th of January, 1904, at the ripe age of 81 years. The members of the Session gratefully express their appreciation of the valuable and willing service he rendered during his connection with the Session by his wise counsel and regular attendance at its meetings.

Mr. James R. Cook, who had been an elder in the Presbyterian church before his connection with this congregation, was inducted as an elder of MacNab Street Church on Sabbath, February 28th, 1904.

The public services of the Sanctuary were conducted regularly during the year. The Session expressed its satisfaction with the efficient services of the assistant pastor, Rev. J. D. Cunningham, M. A., both as regards pulpit ministrations and pastoral visitations and its pleasure at the tangible expressions of regard for himself personally and appreciation of his services, given by the congregation at his departure.

While impressing upon all, the duty and privilege of honoring God in the public services of the gospel, we would kindly remind the heads of families of the importance of religious instruction in the home and of the precious promise attached to earnest and careful training in the truth. It is reasonable and proper that there should be family worship in every christian household, and that the young should be carefully and systematically instructed in the Holy Scriptures.

The Session, recognizing the great value of the Sabbath School to the young and the whole church, commend it to the warm sympathy and generous support of the members and adherents of the congregation. They express thankfulness for the earnest and efficient labors of the teachers.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor held a weekly meeting during the year. This meeting of prayer and the study of God's word has been promotive of spiritual good among the young.

The schemes of the church are commended to the generous support of the congregation. The needs and claims of the ever expanding mission work in the great Northwest are increasingly urgent. While some in the congregation contribute liberally to the support of Home and Foreign Missions, there are others who seem to have no adequate conception of our obligations to give the blessed gospel to others.

The Session would impress on all connected with the congregation the abiding obligations to keep sacred the Lord's Day by carefully abstaining from all unnecessary labor and by devoting the day to the gracious purposes for which it was designed.

The Session expresses its thanks to the members of the choir for their regular attendance and efficient service in leading the psalmody of the congregation.

There were fourteen meetings of session during the year. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed four times.

There were thirty-nine names added to the communion roll. Eighteen by profession of faith and twenty-one by letter. Removed by death, five ; disjoined by certificate, eleven ; dropped, six. Number on present roll four hundred and sixty-seven (467.)

The following members died : Rev. John Gauld, January 9th, 1904, aged 81 ; Mrs. Robert Buttrum ; Mrs. Joseph Henderson, March 6th, 1904, aged 93 ; Mr. James Martin ; Mrs. Warrack. There were ten baptisms during the year.

The pastor, having tendered his resignation to the Presbytery with a view to retire from the active duties of the ministry, the Session at its meeting on January 1st, 1905, Rev. Jas. Black presiding, passed the following resolution; which was afterwards handed to the Presbytery :

“ The Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D. D., pastor of Mac-Nab Street Presbyterian Church, having, on account of advancing years, expressed his desire to be released from the active duties of that pastorate, the Session hereby acquiesces to his wish.

Two years ago Dr. Fletcher intimated that he would take this step, consequently his resignation is the fulfillment of this intention.

While not taken by surprise, the Session sincerely regrets the necessity of Dr. Fletcher's action, which will sever a tie of long and pleasant duration and close an active and profitable ministry of nearly five and forty years.

The Session desire to express and place on record their affectionate regard for his own personality, their high appreciation of his worth as pastor and preacher and the living, tender interest constantly displayed for his people as well as the excellence of his pulpit ministrations.

They would refer with much pleasure to his unusually long pastorate and to the unique position he has held in this city and community. They rejoice in the honors bestowed upon him by the church at large and that the highest gift in her possession was presented to him, also that various colleges granted to him the merited degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Most heartily too they refer to the uniform and continuous harmony that has existed in the Session and congregation and to the varied and pleasant relationships of these many years.

The Session are pleased, that although Dr. Fletcher desires to be relieved from the active duties and responsibilities of the pastorate, his purpose is to remain in communion with the congregation, and their prayer is that he may be spared for many years to render valuable service to the cause of Christ in their midst."

The Session expresses the hope that God in His good providence will soon guide the congregation to choose a successor to the present pastor.

The Session closes the report with the earnest prayer for the blessing and guidance of God during the year on which the congregation have entered.

JAS. R. COOK,
Session Clerk.

D. H. FLETCHER,
Moderator.

Session Fund

Receipts

January—Balance carried over from last year	\$13 25
May 25th—Communion collections	12 45
September 21st—Communion collection.	2 10
November 17th—Thanksgiving collection	24 80
December 7th—Communion collection.	6 00
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	\$58 60
	29 07
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Balance in bank	<u>\$29 53</u>

Disbursements

May 25th—Nicholson wood for Ogg	\$ 1 75
April 11th—Rogers Coal Co. “	6 50
May 26th—Rogers Coal Co. wood for Ogg	3 35
June 14th—Kelly wood for Ogg	1 50
August 2nd—Nicholson wood for Ogg	1 50
September 1st—Kelly wood “	1 50
October 13th—Nicholson wood “	3 57
November 9th—Rogers Coal Co. for Ogg	6 50
December 7th—Connel Coal Co., Findlay	3 00
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	<u>\$29 07</u>

J. M. DINGWALL.

Managers' Report

The Board of Management begs to submit the 50th Annual Report of the temporal affairs of the congregation :

As expected, your Board starting the year as it did with an overdraft of \$225, had to face a prospective deficit of about \$650. Owing to the generous contributions made by quite a few members and the warm sympathy and co-operation of the congregation generally, your Board has been enabled to overcome the expected deficit and show a balance on the right side of the ledger. The Board takes this opportunity of thanking all the members of the congregation for their staunch loyalty and assistance at this time.

The year just past has been an eventful and historic one in connection with the congregation, as in the month of October last its fiftieth anniversary was celebrated. All the services passed off most satisfactorily, and the occasion was one which was marked by the reunion of people, long severed by time and space, and the relation of incidents connected with the founding of the congregation by members of the congregation past and present, who are still living. It is the intention of your Board that a suitable memorial volume shall be published containing a history of the congregation, and a report of the services in connection with the jubilee.

The past year is also memorable inasmuch as it is the last year of the pastorate of our beloved pastor, the Rev. Dr. Fletcher. Your Board looks back with pleasure over its existence of some thirty years almost

contemporaneous with the pastorate of Dr. Fletcher and in parting with him as the active pastor of the congregation, desire to place on record its tribute to the harmonious relations which have existed between him and the Board for so many years, and desires to express its feelings of gratitude that he has decided to remain as one of the flock among whom he has so long labored. Your Board also desires to record its regret at the loss of the services of Mr. Alexander Leith (owing to his removal from the city) who has been a most faithful and devoted member of the Board for the past ten years. The retiring managers are Messrs. Symington, Moncur and Murray, who are all eligible for re-election. You are therefore requested to elect four members to the Board of Management.

Respectfully submitted,

D. McPHIE,

Chairman.

Abstract Statement

Of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year 1904

Receipts

Envelope and open collections.....	\$3,899 10	
Anniversary collections.....	216 60	
Special deficit collections.....	610 50	
		\$4,726 20

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Sabbath School.....	\$ 65 05	
Augmentation Fund.....	91 40	
A. & I. M. Fund.....	29 75	
		\$ 186 20
Pew rents.....		181 50
		<u>\$5,093 90</u>

Disbursements

Overdraft from 1903.....	\$ 225 23
Minister's stipend.....	2,460 00

MUSICAL SERVICES

Organist.....	\$ 250 00	
Choirmaster.....	250 00	
Soloists.....	225 00	
Water power for organ.....	75 00	
		\$ 800 00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Sabbath School.....	65 05	
Augmentation Fund.....	91 40	
A. & I. M. Fund.....	29 75	
		\$ 186 20

GENERAL EXPENSES

Caretaker.....	\$ 420 00	
A. S. & P. Fund.....	36 08	
Taxes on Manse.....	100 50	
Sewer.....	38 97	
Cement walk.....	13 92	
Water rates.....	18 40	
Interest on mortgage.....	125 00	
Insurance.....	45 75	
Wood and coal.....	201 50	
Gas.....	55 00	
Improvements and repairs.....	78 53	
Printing and stationery.....	211 95	
Incidentals.....	131 45	
		\$1,477 05
Balance carried to 1905 ...		5 42
		<u>\$5,093 90</u>

Liabilities

Mortgage on manse.....	<u>\$2,500 00</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

JAS. CHISHOLM,
Treasurer.

We certify that the receipts and disbursements as set forth are correct as per vouchers submitted.

Hamilton January 18th, 1905.

R. A. PTOLEMY, }
R. A. ROBERTSON, } *Auditors.*

Sabbath School Report

As usual, the school was open throughout the year, meeting during the months of July and August at the close of the morning service.

We are glad to report an increase in numbers as compared with last year. The condition of school now is

Officers and teachers.....	25
Scholars, male	59
Scholars, female.....	88
Total.....	172

The treasurer's statement this year is a very satisfactory one, showing increased collections for missionary purposes.

Our thanks are tendered to the congregation for the annual collection handed to us through the managers. It is, however, quite in order to state that the amount was not quite sufficient to defray the actual needs of the school. The sum required this year is \$75.00.

The Sabbath School had the privilege of participating in the jubilee of the church on the 23rd of October last. A special service was held in the afternoon in which both the preachers of the day took part. The presence of former superintendants and of the choir added much to the pleasure of the occasion. It is hoped that the memories of this event will linger in the hearts of the scholars and that in future years they will not forget the old church and its interesting history.

The Association desires to express their appreciation of the many services rendered to them by the assistant pastor, Rev. J. D. Cunningham, during his sojourn amongst the congregation.

The President, Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D. D., having decided to resign the pastorate of this church at an early date, the Association have placed on record their sincere appreciation of himself and his labors in connection with the Sabbath School. Their prayer is that he may be long spared amongst his people and see the young of his congregation grow up and develop into strong manhood and womanhood, becoming useful members of the church he loved and served so well.

Sensible of and thankful for past mercies, we take up the work of the New Year, hoping for continued blessings and increased usefulness during its course.

The whole respectfully submitted.

A. W. LEITCH,
Superintendent.

Treasurer's Statement

SABBATH SCHOOL

Expense Account

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1903	\$ 9 67	
Interest.	4 90	
Received from Managers	65 05	
Picnic	13 95	
Entertainment	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$102 57

EXPENDITURE

Supplies	\$ 76 15	
Picnic.....	24 55	
Balance.....	1 87	
	<hr/>	<u>\$102 57</u>

Missionary Account

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1903.....	\$ 9 78	
Collections.	178 85	
	<hr/>	\$188 63

EXPENDITURE

Home Missions	\$ 50 00	
Foreign Missions.....	40 00	
Bursary for French Students.....	40 00	
Knox College Students Missionary Asso'n	10 00	
Sabbath School Association of Ontario.....	10 00	
Gravenhurst Sanitarium.....	10 00	
Bible Society.....	6 28	
Lord's Day Alliance.....	5 00	
Special Foreign Missionary Collection	10 13	
Balance	7 22	
	<hr/>	<u>\$188 63</u>

Library Fund

Balance from 1903	\$ 69 63	
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WM. P. GRAHAM,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF Y. P. S. C. E.

In reporting for another year, we desire to express our thankfulness to God for His care and guidance.

The meetings have been held weekly during the year, with the exception of July and August. While several new members have been added to the roll, the average attendance has fallen off a little, some of our most faithful members being unable to attend, owing either to personal illness or illness in their homes; but the knowledge that their interest in the Society continues, is, to us, a source of great encouragement.

In September it was thought advisable that one book of the bible be taken up and studied consecutively. The Gospel of St. John was decided upon by the program committee, with the assistance of Rev. Dr. Fletcher, who selected text books, and Rev. Mr. Cunningham, who helped to arrange the plan of study.

The meetings have proved very helpful. During the year the Society conducted four meetings at the Bethel Mission. Early in the year a number of comfort bags were made and sent with a box of magazines to the Rev. Mr. Bone, of the Welland Canal Mission, and about five hundred papers and magazines were distributed to City Mission, St. Peter's Home, and lumber camps.

The Flower Committee are grateful to the friends in the congregation who supplied flowers in such abundance, during the past summer, which enabled them to send a token of remembrance to many of the sick and aged.

We are conscious of need of more consecrated work.
In the coming year may we endeavor to gain a deeper
knowledge of God's will as revealed in His Word.

Y. P. S. C. E.

Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts for 1904	\$47 93
For work in Society	\$18 80
For Knox College Missionary Society	10 00
For Queen's University Missionary Ass'n	10 00
Balance on hand	9 13
	————— \$47 93

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. CASTELL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF

Missionary Committee

Early in the year your committee introduced an envelope system of giving for Missionary purposes. A circular was sent to members of the congregation with a slip enclosed which they were asked to return, stating the amount each would contribute, whether they wished to pay monthly, quarterly or annually, and whether they desired to adopt the envelope system or continue to have the collector call as heretofore.

In response, fifty of the slips were returned and forty of these stated their desire to adopt the envelope system. Since that time a number of others have adopted it, and your committee are in hopes that this number will be increased, as after careful consideration they believe this to be the better plan.

If the congregation does not object another opportunity will be given those members who have not already adopted the envelope system to do so.

Your committee desires to express its hearty thanks to the ladies who have acted as collectors during the past year.

The treasurer's statement is attached hereto.

J. M. DINGWALL,

Chairman.

C. W. GRAHAM,

Secretary.

Contributions Through Missionary Association

Addison, Mrs. Wm., Jr. \$	1 00	Mitchell, John.....	25
Ballentyne, R. B.	1 00	Moodie, Mrs. John.....	1 00
Bayne, Miss	2 00	Moncur, Geo.....	1 00
Black, Rev. Jas.....	5 00	Murison, Mrs.	5 00
Black, Miss Isa	3 00	Murphy, Miss	1 00
Black, Miss Jean.....	3 00	Murphy, Miss M.....	1 80
Brass, Miss	1 00	Murray, Wm.....	22 00
Brass, Miss Mary	1 00	Murray, Robt.	50
Brown, John L.	50	McCoy, John	2 00
Brown, James.....	1 00	McFarlane, Alex.....	1 00
Buchanan, Miss.....	5 00	Macdonald, Mrs. W. R.	12 00
Castell, James	1 00	McDonald, Miss K.	25
Chisholm, James.....	10 00	McDonald, Miss F.	25
Chisholm, Miss L.	2 00	MacKay, Miss M.....	3 00
Cook, Jas. R.	4 00	McKay, Mrs.	50
Cook, Miss Mary	2 00	MacKenzie, Mrs. K.....	1 50
Cook, Miss Margaret	2 00	McKenzie, Ian.....	50
Davidson, Mrs. M.....	4 00	McLaughlin, Miss Jean	2 00
Dingwall, J. M.....	3 00	McLaughlin, Miss M.	1 20
Dingwall, Jas., Jr.....	200 00	McLean, Mrs. H.	1 00
Dingwall, Miss B.....	5 00	McLean, Miss C. E.....	1 00
Dingwall, Miss L.....	3 00	McNab, Mrs.	2 00
Dow, William.....	1 00	McNeil, Miss	25
Dow, Henry.....	1 00	McPhie, Miss Kate E....	2 00
Dow, Miss L.....	3 00	McQueen, Thos.	2 00
Duncan, Wm.	1 25	McQuesten, Dr. C. B.	10 00
Fairley, Mrs. Wm.....	1 00	McQuesten, Mrs.	15 00
Fell, Miss	30	Osborne, John Y.	12 00
Fell, Miss	25	Patterson, Mrs. C.	3 00
Ferrie, Campbell.....	5 00	Proctor, Mrs. John.....	5 00
Ferrie, Miss C.....	2 50	Ptolemy, R. A.	12 00
Finlayson, A.....	12 00	Quarrier, Miss. B.	1 00
Fletcher, Rev. D. H.....	25 00	Quarrier, Mrs. John.....	1 00
Gaston, Mrs.	2 00	Ritch, Robt.....	1 00
Gentle, Thos.....	25	Robertson, Mrs. C.....	6 00
Graham, C. W.	20 00	Robertson, R. A.	3 00
Graham, David	5 00	Ross, Alex.....	2 00
Groves, Mrs. J. W.....	75	Ross, David	50
Harper, W.....	85	Ryrie, Peter	1 00
Henderson, Miss.....	1 00	Scott, Mrs. McL.	25 00
Holmes, Miss M.	1 50	Skedden, Edwin	3 00
Hope, A. H.....	1 00	Smellie, Mrs.....	5 00
Hossack, C. D.....	1 00	Stephen, Jas.	50
Johnstone, Miss E.....	2 00	Stewart, Cyrus.....	30
Kennedy, Miss	6 00	Stewart, R.....	75
Kilgour, Mrs. M.....	1 00	Strous, Jas.	6 00
Lavrock, D., and family	18 00	Stuart, Jas.	2 00
Leckie, Mrs.....	1 50	Stuart, Louis	2 00
Leitch, A. W.	6 00	Sutherland, A.....	3 00
Leith, Miss	1 00	Swinton, Mrs.	1 00
Lyle, A. H.	50	Symmington, Wm.	1 00
Malcolm, Mrs.....	3 00	Taylor, Mrs. Lauchlan	1 00
Malcolmson, Henry	1 00	Taylor, J.	2 00
Marsh, Rev. D. B.....	2 00	Thomson, John	2 00
Miller, Mrs. Thos.	50	Thomson, James.....	10 00
Milne, G. H.....	6 00	Thomson, Mrs. Robt. ..	20 00

Tinsley, Edwin	2 00	A Friend	30 00
Turner, Alex.....	56 00	Anonymous	35
Waters, Mrs.	50	Anonymous	25
Walsh, Isaac	25	Anonymous	50
Wardrope, W. H.	10 00	Anonymous	20 00
Warrack, Miss.	25	Anonymous	10 00
Webb, W. R.	3 00		
Wills, Andrew.....	25		
Wright, Robert.....	50		
			<hr/> \$749 55

Missionary Association, Treasurers' Statement

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1903.....	\$ 8 84	
Interest	5 64	
Contributions as per list attached.....	749 55	
	<hr/>	\$764 03

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Dr. Warden for Schemes.....	\$730 25	
100 Copies Record	30 00	
Stationery	1 75	
Balance, cash on hand	2 03	
	<hr/>	\$764 03

D. LAVROCK,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE

Women's Foreign Missionary Society

It is our privilege to submit the eighteenth annual report of our Society.

Our total membership is now thirty-two. We held the usual ten monthly meetings with an average attendance of sixteen, being an increase of one over last year. This average is arrived at by including the attendance at the thank offering meeting. If it were not included the average attendance at our ordinary meetings would not exceed ten which number cannot be considered either creditable or satisfactory. The ordinary meeting is the real test of the society, thus it will be seen that there is much room for improvement in the attendance at these meetings where the work is undertaken.

The contributions for the year amount to \$142.70. Cash amounting to \$5.80 and clothing valued at \$25.00 were sent to the Crewstand school. The usual seventy-five copies of the Missionary Tidings were distributed every month amongst the women of the congregation.

The subject of study this year has been the interesting field—China. Excellent and instructive papers were read at the various meetings which gave the members an insight into the possibilities of Christian work in that vast country

The Thank Offering meeting was not so well attended as in former years. Mrs. Livingstone, of the Ewart Training Home, Toronto, addressed the meeting on the work of that institution, her account of which was much enjoyed and favorably commented on.

We have great cause for thankfulness to God in the fact that no deaths have occurred in our Society and that a large measure of health has been enjoyed by us all.

Notwithstanding the disturbed conditions in many lands and actual warfare in several of them, we think that from observation and from what is reported to us from the various fields, that we are warranted in believing that the cause of foreign missions is progressing and that surely, though perhaps slowly, the command of the Saviour to go into all nations is being obeyed.

The end is yet far off, so the call for energy and laborers is still loud.

The whole respectfully submitted.

AGNES B. LEITCH,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE Women's Home Missionary Society

The McNab St. branch of the W. H. M. S. was organized in February, 1904.

The society, as its names implies, devotes itself entirely to the interests of Home Missions. Its aim is to assist the Home Missions Committee in its vast undertaking of laying the foundations of national righteousness in our great west.

The special work assigned the General Society of which our auxiliary is a branch, is the maintenance of four missionaries at an annual expense of \$250 each. In addition to this, the Society is expected to contribute all it possibly can towards the maintenance of the hospitals established by the church at Atlin and Teulon.

Our auxiliary has an enrollment of 47 members. Contributions amounting to \$104.81 have been collected during the year.

Meetings have been held monthly, with the exception of the months of July, August and September, the first Wednesday night of each month being set aside for this purpose. At these meetings addresses have been delivered, and papers read, descriptive of the vast West with its cosmopolitan population, and showing the urgent need of money and laborers to spread the Gospel of Christ in this "greater Canada."

So abundantly has God blessed the efforts that the church has put forth heretofore, that the work can no longer be looked upon as a charity, but must now be regarded in the light of an investment. Churches that were

mere missions stations 25 years ago, are now not only self-supporting, but are large contributors to the support of new missions stations. Emigrants from the States marvel at the respect for law and order, and the veneration for religion and the Sabbath found among the settlers, and this is to be attributed to the fact that the church has not failed in her duty to "the stranger within her gates."

But there is still much to be done, and as was aptly said in one of the papers read during the year "to neglect or trifle with this opportunity to spread the Gospel in this vast new land is to jeopardize our national life." On the other hand, if our church bravely takes hold of this gigantic work of making ours a country "whose builder and maker is God," we need have not the slightest fear regarding the future of this vast Dominion of ours.

In conclusion, we would earnestly urge the attendance of the members of the congregation at our meetings, which we know they will find most interesting and profitable.

Respectfully submitted,

B. DINGWALL,
Secretary.

REPORT OF
Senior Mission Band

Another year has gone by, and in presenting the 26th annual report of the Senior Mission Band, we desire to acknowledge the great goodness of our Heavenly Father for His protecting care over us during the year.

Our membership is nineteen, a decrease of six from last year. Eight monthly business meetings were held with an average attendance of seven.

Our year's work has been very encouraging though our Band has not been as large as in former years. We have had good workers and they have been very faithful. The Thank Offering meeting was held in October in conjunction with the W. F. M. S., but was not a large meeting, consequently a poor thank offering.

We made at the annual sale \$138. Cleared \$122. Contributed \$120 to the W. F. M. S.

One of the pleasant features of the Band this year was the celebration of the 25th Anniversary, which was largely attended. Addresses were given by Dr. Lyle, Rev. E. A. Henry and our beloved pastor, Rev. Dr. Fletcher. The choir very kindly contributed the music which we appreciated very much.

And now we stand on the threshold of a new year. Let us leave behind the discouragements and failures of the past year and press on, trusting the Lord Jesus for strength, fully resolved to do better for Him in the coming year.

MARGARET MONCUR,
Secretary.

Junior Mission Band

The report of 1904 shows the attendance to be good. Out of a membership of forty-three, average attendance was twenty-four.

The annual sale of work was held in November, from which we realized \$46.45.

The Band was able to send \$50 to the W. F. M. S. and have a balance in the bank of \$9.99.

MARGARET McLELLAN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Ladies' Aid Society

During the year the Ladies' Aid Society held eight meetings at the residences of different members. This change was made in the hope of increasing the attendance, which proved comparatively successful, but a further increase in membership is still desirable.

At these meetings the members made the clothing for the two Indian children whom the Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. provide for.

Mrs. Proctor kindly offered the use of her handsome grounds for a garden party, which was highly successful.

The envelope subscription for carpet fund was continued.

ANNIE GRAHAM,
Secretary.

Treasurer's Report, 1904

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	\$111 67
Fees	3 00
Collections and donations	6 44
Carpet Fund	24 55
Proceeds Garden Party	82 27
Interest	4 80
	<hr/> \$232 73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Flowers	1 00
R. Hall	3 00
Gas Stove	3 65
Jubilee Tea	9 15
Cash on hand	215 93
	<hr/> \$232 73

JENNIE MALLOY,
Treasurer.

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